

A suggestion was made to possibly have one of the topics be geared toward helping people understand what all of the services are other than just CCH, also CLA and CRS, since some families know that a CCH would not work for their family member but don't know what the other services are.

It was also asked if the topic of Shared Living could possibly be presented since IDASH isn't available for all who qualify.

Stacie Silva-Gordon will share the suggestions with Central Office.

- Stacie shared that DDS has been really focusing on utilizing the ARPA funding. A transformation consultant has been hired to assist with the system transformation. Five committees will be developed, an Advisory Committee, a Residential committee, a Day committee, an Individual and Family committee, and then a DDS staff committee. Some of the committees have already started meeting and recordings are available on the DDS website along with a link with the ARPA information. Former Deputy Commissioner Peter Mason, who has retired but returned temporarily, is also assisting with coordinating.
- Legislative Updates – Rick Rothstein shared updates.
 - ARPA – It was passed about 18 months ago. All of the ARPA committees are posted on the website and meeting recordings and minutes are available for review.
 - A reminder that the election will be coming up on November 8th. There have been many retirements on both sides of the aisle and both chambers. It was suggested that people meet the candidates if you have an opportunity. After the election, the process will need to begin of educating all of the new members of issues pertaining to the IDD community.
 - There will be a candidate forum held on October 12th for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and Treasurer from 3:00-8:00pm. It can be attended virtually, and people do not have to attend in its entirety.
- Future Meeting Topics
 - Rick Rothstein stated that he has agreed to fill the role of Chair until January. Nominations will be needed for a new Chair.
- Open Forum for Public Participation
 - No new topics raised.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Annette Scully; seconded by Donna Cohen. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary