

# Administration for Community Living

Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
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## DD Councils Training and Technical Assistance Institute





## **ACL Welcome and Remarks**

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Administration on Disabilities

# OIDD Program Updates



# Increasing DD Council Visibility

- DD Awareness Month
  - Strong Collaboration with NACDD
- Innovative Communication Strategies
  - DD Council Fact Sheet – Infographic
  - Celebratory Awareness Month Activities
- DD Council Annual Reports
  - Highlight Impact and Results Succinctly

# I. STATE PLANS



# Federal Reporting – State Plans

- Each Council received specific State Plan feedback on strengths, compliance, and areas of concern.
- Feedback was provided by peer reviewers and your Federal program staff.
- Comments are saved in each corresponding section of the Verity platform.
- Councils with substantive amendments require a 45-day public comment period.

# State Plan Findings - General

## ***Overall Improvements:***

- Robust Comprehensive Review and Analysis (CRA)
- Rationales for goal selection based on data
- Councils are prioritizing work with most potential impact
- Councils embedding evaluation into their planning

## ***Council Membership***

- Start/end dates provided
- Demographics represent diversity of the State?
- Info provided on steps to address?

## ***Emerging need objective***

- Recommended Councils consider adding this
- Councils are only allowed to work on what has been included in their approved state plans.
- Allows flexibility for Councils to address such things as emergency preparedness and disaster response

# State Plan Findings - Continued

## Collaboration

- Please be sure to specify when the Council is collaborating with an ACL program.
- Under the collaboration goals/objectives, please indicate the AoD program, i.e., CIL, ILC, AAA, ADRC, in the other box, when applicable.

## Targeted Disparity

- Clearly identify the targeted disparity goal or objective.
- Include a sentence that says “This is the targeted disparity” so it is easily identifiable.



# State Plan - Next Steps

- We anticipate the Verity system will be open in the coming weeks for State Plan revisions. A message will be sent when available. Do not enter revisions just yet.
- ITACC Office Hours and resources made available – take advantage of TA tools
- Reach out to your Program Specialist for any questions/clarifications on your specific SP feedback
- Councils will have until **August 15, 2022**, to submit revised state plans and annual work plans

## II. Program Performance Reports (PPR)



# Federal Reporting - PPR

## Program Performance Reports (PPR)

- FY 20 and FY21 PPRs have been submitted
- OIDD Program staff and Verity staff are working with some Councils to address missing or duplicate data
- PPRs will be reviewed, and summary feedback will be provided in the Verity system (like state plans)

# Verity Reporting Platform Survey

- Overall, responses were mixed regarding satisfaction with the system – about 66% selected a response option of very satisfied, satisfied, or somewhat satisfied
- Respondents appeared to view the technical assistance provided by Verity staff favorably (89% selected a response option of satisfied)
- Respondents provided feedback regarding specific issues they encountered with the system. Most often citing issues with saving data, navigating the site, and printing features
- OIDD staff are meeting with HSRI/Verity staff weekly
  - Continuous quality improvement, check-ins
  - Print feature and print by section expected soon

# III. Oversight and Monitoring



# Fiscal Oversight

## FY 22 Budget

- \$79 million
- Final Notices of Awards (NOA) – will be sent by next week; please email OIDD Program Specialist with any updated contact information or questions
- Be sure to read all NOA terms and conditions

## FY21 No Cost Extension (NCE)

- ACL defines a NCE as an extension of time to a project period and/or budget period to complete the work of the grant under that period, without additional Federal funds.
- OIDD staff are currently working with Office of Financial Operations to justify a NCE with FY 2021 funds. We believe we have a strong case since a public health emergency is still in effect with COVID-19. Once approved, we will share guidance on steps DD Councils must take to request a NCE.

# Monitoring and Oversight – Helpful Resources

## Federal Reporting Tools

- OIDD has contracted with the Lewin group to streamline the existing PPR Review tool. A workgroup of Council staff and OIDD staff are participating in this process.
- New PPR review tool will begin with FY22 PPRs
- Will be shared with DD Councils as a self-assessment tool

## NACDD T/TA Contract

- Awarded a new 5-Year contract in September 2021
- Key focus on:
  - Project Management and Evaluation
  - Knowledge Development
  - Collaboration
  - Information Management
- Resources on QRS, Reporting, Financial information at [www.itacchelp.org](http://www.itacchelp.org)
- Welcome Cherie Moon to the ITACC team!

## IV. SPECIAL INITIATIVES





# CDC Funding – Expanding Vaccine Access

- \$4 Million allocated to DD Councils
- Insights on Recent Survey Results
  - 46 Councils completed the survey
- Performance period timeline – Ends September 30, 2022
- Critical to drawdown funds – “Sprint” mindset to the finish line
- Future Reporting Guidance

# Public Health Workforce Funding

- New Program Initiative Launched in March 2022
  - \$4.48 million allocated to the Councils
  - 84% of the Councils requested funding (47 Accepted, 9 declined)
- Performance period timeline – Ends September 2024
- Future Reporting Guidance
- Getting a Strong Start – A “Marathon” mindset Approach

# Public Health Workforce – Council Examples

- **Kirsten Murphy**, Executive Director, Vermont DD Council
- **Genessee Klemm**, Director of Community Engagement, Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities
- **Norma Smith**, Executive Director, American Samoa DD Council

# V. Other Key Updates



# President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID)

- 20 citizen members and 13 Ex-Officio Members announced this Spring
  - <https://acl.gov/programs/empowering-advocacy/presidents-committee-people>
- Onboarding Process Underway for Citizen Members
  - Serve a two-year term
- Currently examining strategies for public input

# Disability Employment Initiatives

- Strong Federal Interagency Coordination – Planned interagency guidance to be released this summer in two areas
- May 10<sup>th</sup> DETAC Webinar – *Identifying and Implementing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategies to Promote Cultural Humility & Awareness*
- DETAC Results in Systems Excellence (RISE) e-Learning Community (May – August 2022) – *Financial Inclusion Matters in Achieving Economic Self-Sufficiency and Employment*
- DETAC Learning Management System (online courses)

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will be our doubts of today.”*

President Franklin D. Roosevelt



# Q&A and Field Updates



# Wrap-up and Closing Comments



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**Thank you for your participation!**

