# Administration for Community Living

Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities May 5, 2022

# DD Councils Training and Technical Assistance Institute





### **ACL Welcome and Remarks**

Jill Jacobs, Commissioner 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.

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# **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

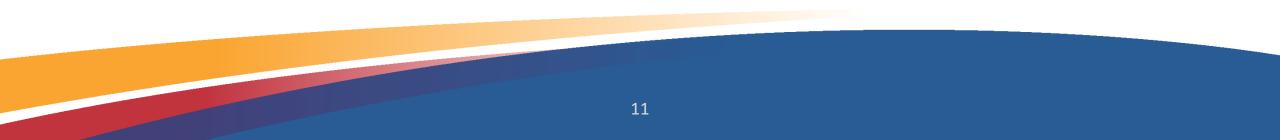
## **II. Program Performance Reports (PPR)**



## **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**



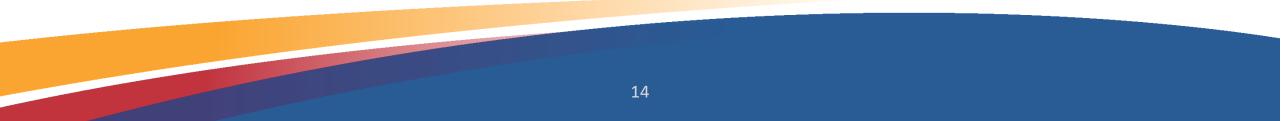
## **Fiscal Oversight**

#### 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 <u>www.itacchelp.org</u>
- 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
  - <u>https://acl.gov/programs/empowering-advocacy/presidents-committee-people</u>
- 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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# "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow 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!

