



# Developmental Disabilities Administration **Community Meeting**

February 7, 2025



# Conduct

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The free expression of diverse viewpoints is a fundamental value of our group. This freedom carries the responsibility to engage respectfully, which means treating one another with dignity and respect in good faith.

Uncivil behavior, disruptive actions, abusive language, threats, or harassment will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the meeting.

# Housekeeping

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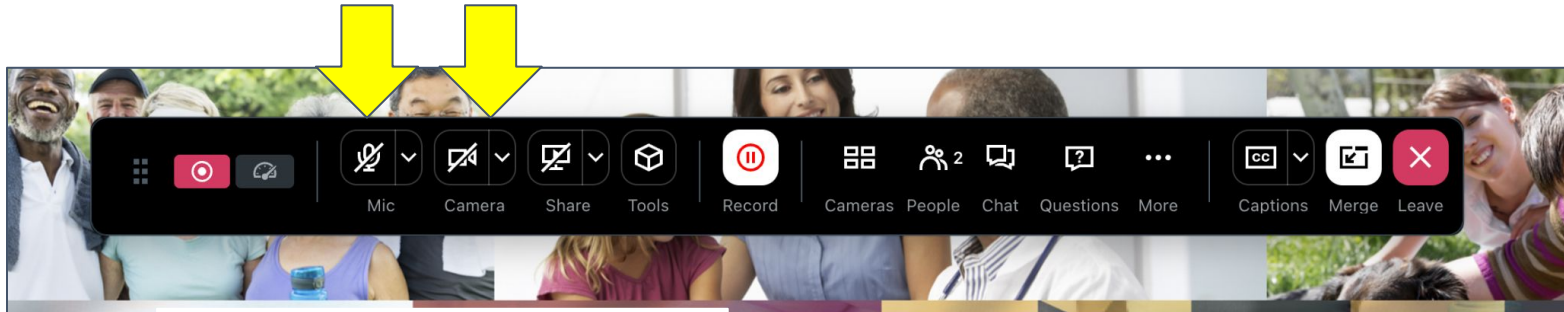
A screenshot of a Zoom meeting toolbar. The toolbar is black with white icons. From left to right, the icons are: a grid of four squares, a red circle with a white dot, a speech bubble, a microphone with a slash, a camera with a slash, a share icon, a cube icon, a red circle with a white pause symbol, a grid of four squares, a person icon with a '2', a chat icon, a question mark icon, and a three-dot menu icon. To the right of these are three icons: a 'CC' icon, a 'Merge' icon, and a 'Leave' icon. A yellow arrow points to the 'CC' icon. Below the toolbar is a white banner with the Maryland Department of Health logo and the text 'Developmental Disabilities Administration'.




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The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there is a row of video thumbnails. Below this is a black control bar with various icons. Two yellow arrows point down to the 'Mic' and 'Camera' icons. The control bar includes icons for: Mic (muted), Camera (off), Share (off), Tools, Record, Cameras (2), People (2), Chat, Questions, More, Captions, Merge, and Leave.

  
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## Developmental Disabilities Administration

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A screenshot of a Zoom meeting interface. The top portion shows a black controls bar with icons for Mic, Camera, Share, Tools, Record, Cameras, People, Chat, Questions, More, Captions, Merge, and Leave. Below the controls bar is a white banner featuring the Maryland Department of Health logo (a stylized cross on a shield) and the text "Maryland DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH" and "Developmental Disabilities Administration".

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# Housekeeping - Public Comment Procedures

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- To speak on a topic, put the title of the slide, followed by your name, in the Questions and Answers section.
- Example: “LISS - John Doe”
- Individuals will be invited to comment on each slide in the order that their name is received.
- You will be invited to unmute your microphone once it is your turn



**Low Intensity Support Services (LISS)**


**Proposal:**

- Suspend the Low Intensity Support Services program, as it is subject to the availability of state/general funds.

**Input:**

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

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# DDA's Service Delivery System

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The Moore-Miller Administration continues to make record investments in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). State funding in FY26 is more than \$1.3 billion, more than two-thirds higher than the funding available three years ago.

This funding will:

- Support new enrollments
- Enable LTSS *Maryland* improvements
- Enable a moderate rate increase
- Maximize sustainable funding

# DDA's Service Delivery System

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Focused adjustments to ensure:

- Outcome-driven and sustainable system funding
- Minimize participant life disruptions



# Geographical Differential

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## Proposal:

- Eliminate the “geographical differential” rate currently available in Calvert, Prince George’s, Montgomery, Frederick, and Charles counties to preserve, promote, and maximize funding for DDA community services.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

# Dedicated Hours

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## Proposal:

- Update policy for dedicated hours to promote participant choice and self-determination, support health and welfare, and maximize funding for DDA community services.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

# State-Funded Services

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## Proposal:

- Invite individuals who are receiving home and community-based services with 100 percent general/state funds to participate in one of the DDA-operated Medicaid waiver programs.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

# Low Intensity Support Services (LISS)

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## Proposal:

- Suspend the Low Intensity Support Services program, as it is subject to the availability of state/general funds.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

# Reasonable and Customary Rates

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## Proposal:

- Update Reasonable and Customary rates for individuals who self-direct their services based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information for the state of Maryland, to align with the methodology used for traditional/community providers.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

# Wage Exceptions

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## Proposal:

- End the Wage Exception process for participants who self-direct their services based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) information for the state of Maryland, to align with the methodology used for traditional/community providers.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

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# Individual and Family-Directed Goods and Services (IFDGS)

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## Proposal:

- Reinstatement of the Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services cap of \$5,000 for goods and services.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**

# Waiting List Equity Fund

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## Proposal:

- Utilize the Waiting List Equity Fund to preserve, promote, and maximize funding for DDA community services.

## Input:

- Community feedback
- Approaches to implementation

**02:00**



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**Thank You**