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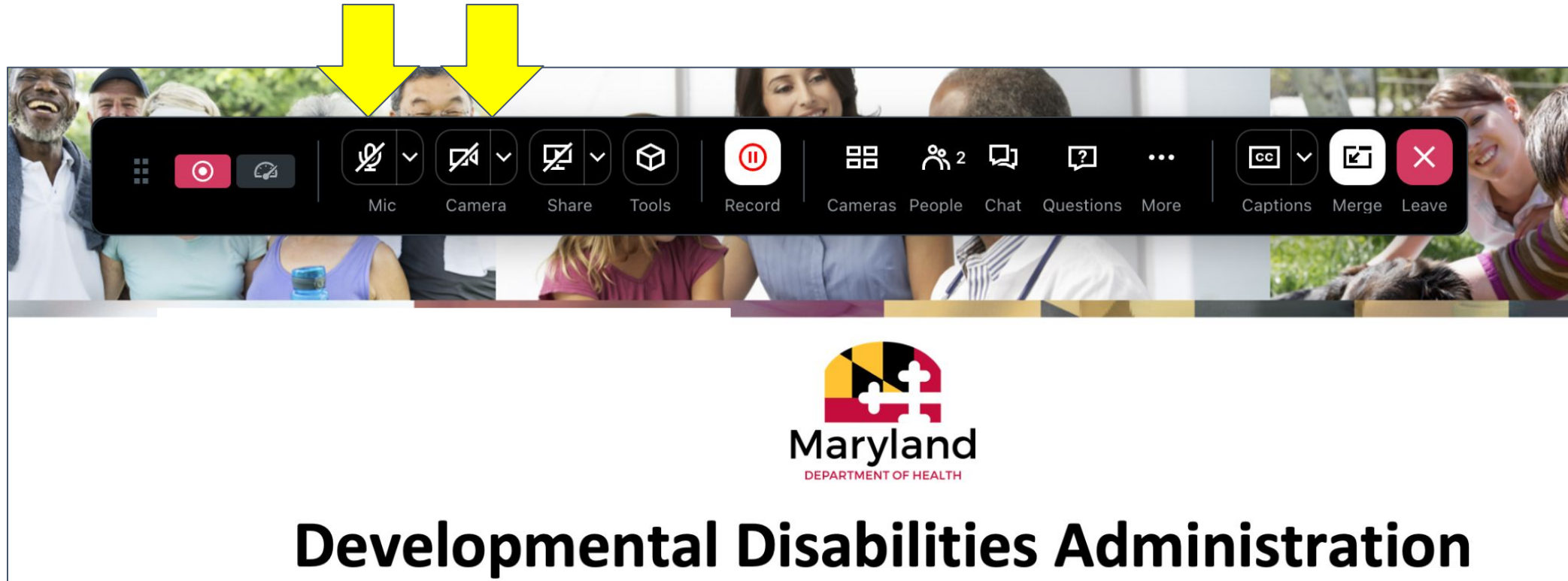# Rate Review Advisory Group

February 6, 2025

Conduct

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.

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Welcome and Introduction

DDA Vision:

People with developmental disabilities will have full lives in the communities of their choice where they are included, participate, and are active citizens.

DDA Mission:

Create a flexible, person-centered, family-oriented system of supports so people can have full lives.

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

3. Employment Services

4. General Ledger Template

5. Open Discussion

6. Public Comment

7. Next Steps and Adjournment

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

Employment Services

Employment Services - DDA's Approach/CY25 Priority

DDA's Approach to Employment Services

- Clear and comprehensive employment first policy
- Focus on competitive integrated employment
- Principles of customized employment
- Person-centered employment goals
- Flexibility for long-term employment support
- Partnership with Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

DDA's CY25 Priority

- *Follow Along Supports*

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Employment Services - Approach to Rate Review

DDA's Approach to Rate Review by Service

- Policy - Review the policy for the service under review

- Context - Understand the MD and national context for that service

- Process - Describe the current service process, including challenges, to identify potential themes to be addressed by policy and rate levers

- Data - Determine if data are available to quantify the service challenges

- Proposal - Combine proposed policy changes and data (if available) into recommended changes to service policy and rate

- Outcomes - Describe goal(s), criteria, and monitoring for proposal

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Follow Along Supports - Policy and Context

Policy

- Current - Policy Stat and Guidelines for Service Authorization and Provider Billing

Context

- MD - Coordinate with DORS (MOU)
- National - Value Based Payment considerations

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Follow Along Supports - Process and Data

Process

- Current - Provide narrative examples to identify challenges
- National - Brainstorm potential approaches to address challenges

Data

- MD - Discuss potential Maryland-specific data sources
- National - Discuss data available from other states

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Follow Along Supports - Proposal and Outcomes

Proposal

- Structure - Provide specific example of proposed policy changes

Outcomes

- Goals - What does the proposal expect to achieve?
- Criteria - What data are available to quantify those achievements?
- Monitoring - How can we collect those data and what metrics are available to measure those achievements?

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General Ledger Template

General Ledger (GL) Template - Technical Assistance

Continued Targeted Technical Assistance

- Trainings - recorded and posted
- Resource materials
- Dedicated email address
- Available 1:1 technical assistance

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GL Template - Training Opportunities

Peer to Peer

- Timing
- Services

Hilltop Training Sessions

- Topics
- Timelines

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GL Template - Resources

Example General Ledger Data Template: FY 2024

1. Resource Materials
   - Instructions document
   - Sample GL Template
   - FAQs
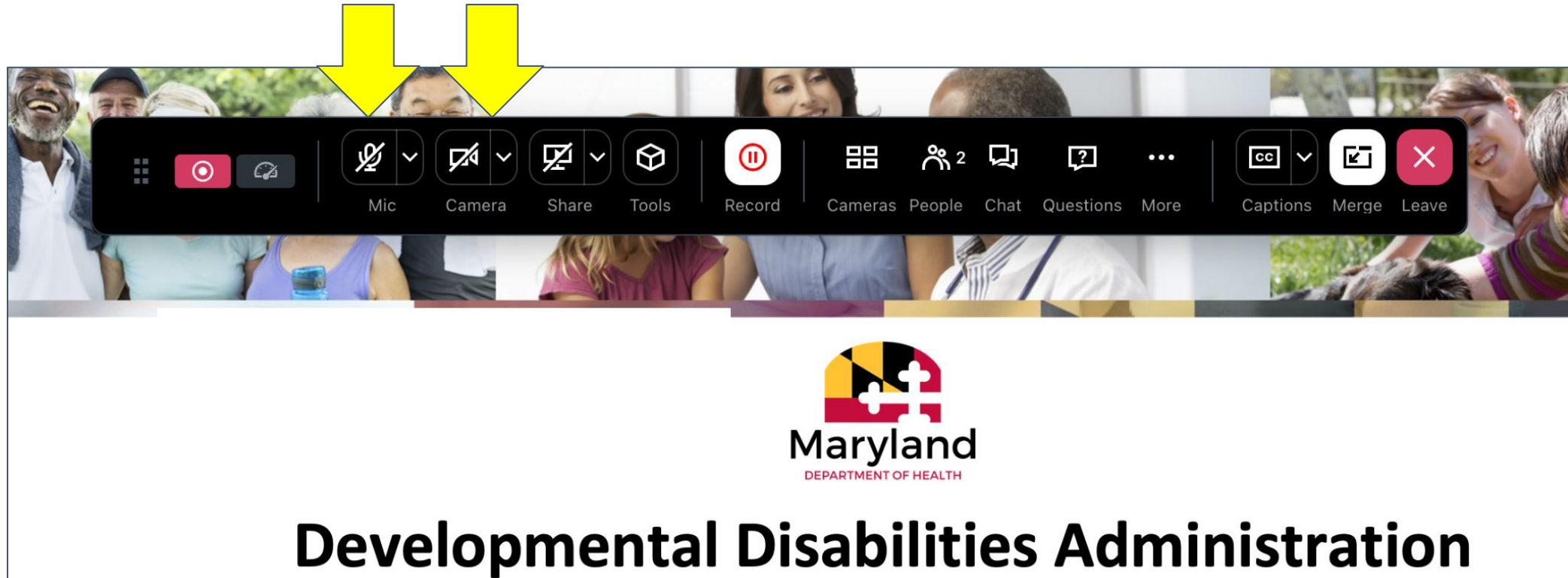
2. Dedicated Email Address

3. 1:1 Technical Assistance

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Open Rate Review Advisory Group Member Discussion

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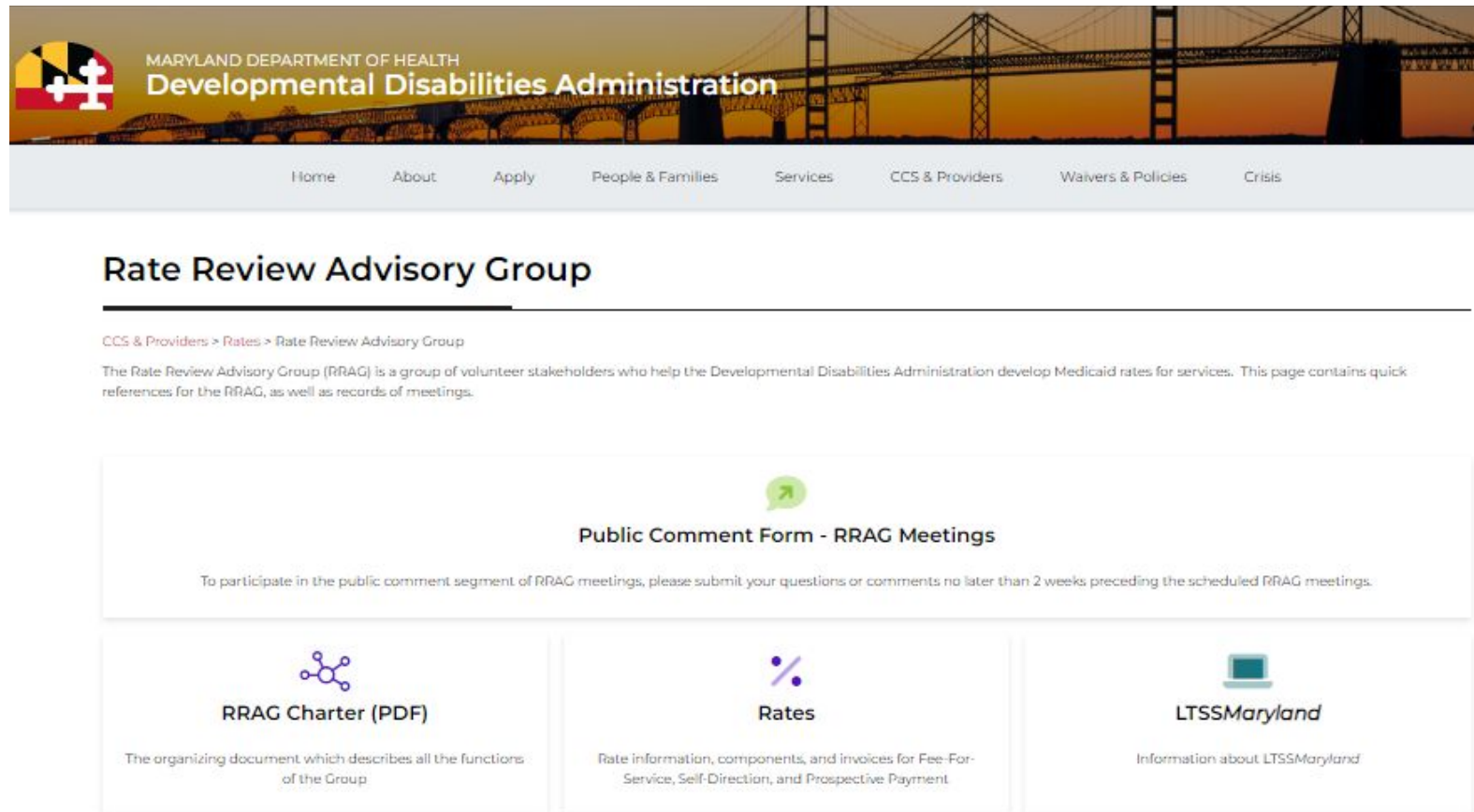Maryland
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Next Steps and Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next RRAG meeting will be held **Thursday, March 6 , 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.**

Remaining RRAG Dates
Thursday, April 10, 2025 12:30 to 1:45 PM
Thursday, May 29, 2025 12:30 to 1:45 PM
Thursday, July 10, 2025 12:30 to 1:45 PM
Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:30 to 1:45 PM

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Rate Review Advisory Group Materials

https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/LTSSMaryland/RRAG.aspx

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