

# DDC October Monthly Updates

October 3, 2024

Hello everyone, we hope October has started well for you all. We are sending along information to help you prepare for our upcoming Quarterly Council Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Walla Walla and on Zoom, as well as the local community event we will hold on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

1. October Walla Walla Transition Fair:

When: Wednesday, 10/16/24 4:30-8:00, Walla Walla Community College Transition Fair

What: Come join the [Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council \(DDC\)](#) in a discussion about supports and services young adults need to be independent. The DDC will host a breakout room discussion with fair participants to focus on important topics for students preparing to leave the education systems. Learn about groups focused on improving the lives of people with disabilities in Washington State, including the DDC, and share your ideas for what would be helpful as you transition from school to adult life.

1. Planning Information: The DDC will host three breakout sessions that are between 30 and 45 minutes long starting at 5:00. Council staff will be there to help support the conversation, and we are looking for a few council members to help facilitate. If you are interested in helping hold these conversations, [please let Kevin know by end of day on Thursday, 10/10/24](#). If you are not interested in helping with the breakouts, you are welcome to come to the fair to learn about resources in Walla Walla and/or sit in on the breakout conversations to learn about the community. Council staff will meet in the lobby of the hotel at 4:15 on Wednesday to offer rides to anyone who needs them in order to participate. Please let us know if you have questions.

2. The Council Meeting Packet and the Packet Talk prep video have been posted on our website here: [WA DD Council Meeting Packet \(website-files.com\)](#). If you asked for a hard copy of the packet, it should arrive at your address in the coming day or two.
3. You'll see in the packet that we will be voting during the budget section of the meeting on Thursday, 10/17/24. One of the project areas to consider in that vote is the Advocacy Development Leadership Cohort (ALDC) that just finished up a first round a few days ago. Please check out the final presentation that was developed for the final event to learn more about the work in that project: [ALDC Final Presentations \(canva.com\)](#) and help you gather information to decide how you will vote.
4. The afternoon on Thursday, 10/17/24 will begin with a joint meeting of both the Public Policy and Membership & Governance committees to help with the council member switch that will take place that day. Please take note of a few important details about this process:

- a. You'll see the new Council Committee Membership Roster on page 6 of the meeting packet.

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- b. If you are a new council member (joining on or after June 2024), you are not yet on a committee. Please plan to go to both committees at our October meeting. You will have the chance to learn about each and determine which one would be a good fit to start out on in January.
- c. We are looking for a council member to volunteer to chair the Public Policy Committee. If you are interested, please reach out to Linda ([linda.west@ddc.wa.gov](mailto:linda.west@ddc.wa.gov)) by 10/14/24 to let us know. The co-chairs do have interest for the Membership & Governance chair position.
- d. Please be sure to check out both sets of committee meeting minutes in the packet. We will ask council members to approve the minutes of the meeting they attended in July, as well as offer time for information and questions to be answered before we split into separate rooms to hold committee meetings that day.

As always, we are here to answer questions and help you prepare for the Quarterly Council Meeting. Please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know what we can do to support you. Thanks so much and see you all very soon!

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