

# DDC December 2024 Monthly Updates

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Hello everyone, I hope you are all doing well. I am sending along a few important updates.

1. The Snohomish County Public Health toolkit is out and available. Please check it out [here](#) and share with your network!
2. The October Council Meeting Minutes have been posted and are ready for your review [here](#).
3. In January we will have a bit of a different agenda than usual for our Quarterly Council Meeting. Here are the plans:

Wednesday, 1/15/25: Advocacy Day @ United Churches in Olympia from 10:00 to 12:30, then any scheduled meetings with legislators on the hill in the afternoon.

Thursday, 1/16/25: This will be our only day for the actual Council meeting at the Double Tree in downtown Olympia from 9:00 to 4:00. Our vice chairs are organizing a dinner plan for those who want to join that evening too!

Friday, 1/17/25: Tour of Rainier School in Buckley from 10:00 to 1:00.

In order to get all of these plans set up, we need your input. Please fill out the two following surveys by Monday, 12/16/24:

- A. Please let us know what you are planning and need for meetings with legislators by taking this survey: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F-LQEU4mCkCLOfFcwSfXLRdR\\_hrLNblErtuNgMxFwXIUNDJGQzRMWjJWVDVPRktZMFZOUFE2MDc2Sy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F-LQEU4mCkCLOfFcwSfXLRdR_hrLNblErtuNgMxFwXIUNDJGQzRMWjJWVDVPRktZMFZOUFE2MDc2Sy4u)
- B. Please let us know what you are planning and need for the Rainier School Tour: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F-LQEU4mCkCLOfFcwSfXLRdR\\_hrLNblErtuNgMxFwXIUNTQ2TFhFNUw0MTNWNVIOQTIMVkvEMEFKti4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F-LQEU4mCkCLOfFcwSfXLRdR_hrLNblErtuNgMxFwXIUNTQ2TFhFNUw0MTNWNVIOQTIMVkvEMEFKti4u). The lunch options in this survey are the ones that DDC is able to cover for you. There will be other lunch options in the cafe at Rainier School, for example espresso, however we will not be able to reimburse you for those items. Please reach out with questions.

4. You may have seen that the Governor put a freeze on a few different types of state government spending early last week. In addition, DDA recently determined that Round 3 of the Dan Thompson Memorial Account will need to be suspended at this time. I will have more information to share in January, and in the meantime, please don't hesitate to talk with your networks about how important and impactful the Dan Thompson Memorial Account is for our community. You may have seen that the Dan Thompson Account was nationally recognized last month because of how innovative it is, and how it helps government and private organizations work together. Here is

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more about that award; please share with your networks and encourage people to speak up: [Dan Thompson Award](#).

5. The Request for Qualifications and Quotes (RFQQ) to help host the behavioral health/IDD conference is currently open. Please share this information with your networks and help us identify a good company to manage this project: [RFQQ](#).

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with questions about any of this information. If we don't connect beforehand, please take good care of yourselves over the holidays, and we will be back in touch before our meeting in January. Thanks for all that you do for our Council and the DD community.

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