

DDC September 2025 Monthly Updates

September 5, 2025

Hello everyone, I hope this message finds you all doing well. I am sharing a handful of updates for you all below:

- First, thank you so much for all of the messages of support and good energy! I am humbled and grateful in so many ways this morning. As an update on my health, I will be having surgery this coming Tuesday, 9/9 at Virginia Mason in Seattle. I am hopeful I caught my cancer early, and I will know more about the stage and my treatment plan after the operation. With that said, I am planning to be out from 9/8 through probably 9/26 and possibly longer, depending on my prognosis and treatment plan. I will be in direct contact with Brian, so please know he will be communicating with our co-chairs and be leading our team while I am away. Being able to step away with the faith I have in our team is like medicine for me! They have been working so hard and will continue to do so. I have huge gratitude for them!
- Federally, the House Congressional Budget is being negotiated right now. You can see more information about this on the National Association of Councils for Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) August blog [here](#). If you have questions or concerns with the potential cuts to those programs and services, now is the time to let your elected officials know. Please reach out to Emily if you want assistance with any of those pieces: emily.rogers@ddc.wa.gov.
- July Council Meeting Minutes are posted and ready for your review [here](#).
- The October Council Meeting in Port Angeles is almost all planned out. You'll see when the packet comes out that we are planning for a community event on the

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evening of Wednesday, October 15th. We will also be ending at 11:00 on Friday so folks can make it back to the airport in time to fly out Friday afternoon. Please reach out to Linda if you have questions or need assistance with travel or meeting plans: Linda.west@ddc.wa.gov.

Alright, I appreciate this Council so very much and I'll be back soon. Please take good care and keep the positive energy coming!

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