

# Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council

## COMMITTEES

### Executive Committee

The committee helps lead and guide the work of the Council and develops the agenda for Council meetings.

The committee also makes decisions that the full Council would usually make, when the decision cannot wait for the next Council meeting. This includes taking action on legislation, and approving proposals and funding requests. The Executive Committee must report all actions like this to the Council at the next Council meeting.

The Executive Committee includes the Council Chairperson, Council Vice Chairperson, and the chairpersons of the other committees. It also includes two other Council members that the Council approves. One of them must be a person with a disability.

### Personnel Committee

This committee completes an annual review of the Council Executive Director. The committee works with the Council chair and gets input from Council members.

### Advocacy and Outreach Committee

This committee oversees objectives in the Council's State Plan that are assigned to it. The committee's job is to:

- Recommend projects to reach goals and objectives.
- Write information for Request for Proposals (RFP) that the Council reviews.
- Recommend the amount of money needed for projects.
- Review proposals.
- Make recommendations to the Council about who should get money to carry out the projects.

### Policy and Law Committee

This committee oversees objectives in the Council's State Plan that are assigned to it. It recommends how these objectives should be worked on and monitors progress.

This includes:

- Recommending projects to reach goals and objectives.
- Writing information for Request for Proposals (RFP) that the Council reviews.
- Recommending the amount of money needed for projects.
- Reviewing proposals.
- Making recommendations to the Council about who should get money to carry out the projects.

This committee also:

- Reviews bills and other activity during legislative sessions.
- Develops position statements for the Council on issues that affect people with developmental disabilities and their families.
- Meets with legislators to educate them about issues affecting people with disabilities.  
Gives them with information they need and tells them where they can learn more.

### Consumer Caucus

A “caucus” is a group of people that come together for a specific reason. Members of the Council who have developmental disabilities or who want to better understand information on meeting agendas are invited to participate in the Consumer Caucus. This group gets education and training that helps them get ready for Council meetings and be active members.