

Board Meeting Packet

May 21-22nd, 2025 Virtual Board Meeting



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BOARD AGENDA MAY 21-22ND, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MA	Wednesday, May 21 st , 2025									
Time	Symbol	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter							
3:45-4:00 PM		Member Caucus	Staff: Jeremy Gundlach							
4:00-4:30 PM		Nominating and Membership Committee	Chair: Sydney Badeau, Kelly Weyer							
4:30-5:30 PM		Diversity Committee	Chair: Andy Thain							

THURSDAY, MAY 2	2 ND , 2025		
Time	Symbol	Topic	Facilitator/Presenter
8:30-9:00 AM		Breakfast/Technical Support	All
9:00-10:00 AM		Federal Funding Webinar – Open to Public	Staff: Tami Jackson
10:00-10:15 AM		Break	
10:15-11:15 AM		State-Plan	Staff: Molly Cooney
11:15-11:45 PM		BPDD Funding Discussion	All













11:45-12:15 PM	Lunch	All
12:15-12:30 PM	Public Comment	Members of the Public
12:30-2:00 PM	 Business Meeting Chair Report Executive Director/Financials Report Executive Committee Diversity Committee Nominating & Membership Committee Partner Agency updates 	 Ashley Mathy Beth Swedeen Ashley Mathy Andy Thain Sydney Badeau/ Kelly Weyer DRW, DPI, DHS, DWD, Waisman
2:00-2:30 PM	Board Corner	Board Chair: Ashley Mathy

If you have any questions about the May Board Meeting please contact Jeremy Gundlach at Jeremy.Gundlach@wisconsin.gov or 608-266-7826.















BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Present:	Chair: Ashley Mathy Vice Chair: Felicia Clayborne Hope Swanson, Desi Kluth, Sydney Badeau, Lisa Stephan, Cheryl Funmaker, Julie Strenn, Cindy Piotrowski, Andy Thain, Hector Portillo, Daniel Parker, Anna Eggebrecht, Ryan McGuire, Iris Jacobson, Houa Yang, Kate Szidon, Marcia Perkins, Shanice Baquet, Patrick Friedrich, Tricia Thompson, Nathan Ruffolo, Daniel Strutz, Kevin Coughlin, Tara Brzezinski, Stephenie Mlodzik,
Guests:	
Absent:	Chris Wood, Kelly Weyer, Christi Whiting,
Staff Present:	Molly Cooney, Tami Jackson, Jennifer Neugart, Fil Clissa, Beth Swedeen, Tami Rogers,

Chair Ashley Mathy called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

1. Action Items:

- Approve January 2024 minutes Motion made by Lisa Stephan, seconded by Felicia Clayborne.
- George needs to be added to the January Minutes as he was in attendance.

2. Public Comments:

No Public Comments

3. Chair Report:

 Board Chair Ashley Mathy talked about Disability Advocacy Day and the successful switch to a virtual option.

4. <u>Diversity Committee Report:</u>

• Chair Andy Thain has asked board members to send any resources around intersectionality and disability.

5. Executive Director Report:

- ED Beth Swedeen discussed the ongoing Friday morning Medicaid webinars. We have also been gathering Medicaid stories to share on social media and with legislators.
- Staff have also been scheduling congressional visits and have linked constituents up with their congressional reps .

6. Executive Committee Report:

 The Executive Committee planned the March board meeting and decided to have the May board meeting virtually. We are still planning to meet inperson in Milwaukee for our July board meeting. • No other updates.

7. Nominating Committee Report:

 Nominating Committee didn't meet in march. Staff Jenny Neugart reminded board members that we will be having elections in July this year for Chair and other leadership.

8. Financial Report:

- We are running about 10 months behind in spending, which is good because we do not have a full grant for this year
- We are only assured funding through March 14, as Congress has made no decisions on future funding.
- We haven't heard that there are cuts to DD Councils, but there have been proposals in the past. And we know this Administration is looking for cuts in all discretionary spending.

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9. Agency Updates:

Waisman Update:

- ECHO Early Childhood Inclusion offers professional development for early childhood educators https://www.waisman.wisc.edu/echo/echo-early-childhood-education/
- Data from statewide trainings on managing threatening confrontations. https://www.waisman.wisc.edu/2025/03/07/ucedd-slide-of-the-week-2025/

DHS Update: Coming Soon

DPI Update
DWD Update
DRW Update

Felicia Clayborne moved to adjourn, seconded by Tara Brzezinski, meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm Unanimously passed.



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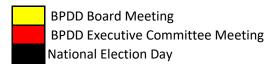
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Updated: 9/10/24 jg



Board Meeting Dates & Locations:

January 15 & 16, 2025	Virtual Meeting
March 12 & 13, 2025	Hybrid Meeting - Madison
May 21 & 22, 2025	Hybrid Meeting - Madison
July 23 & 24, 2025	In-Person meeting - Milwaukee
September 17 & 18, 2025	In-Person retreat - TBD
November 19 & 20, 2025	Virtual Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting Dates

February 3 rd , 2025	2:30-3:30 PM
April 7 th , 2025	2:30-3:30 PM
June 9 th , 2025	2:30-3:30 PM
August 4 th , 2025	2:30-3:30 PM
September 29 th , 2025	2:30-3:30 PM
December 1 st , 2025	2:30-3:30 PM

Other BPDD Dates:

March 12 th , 2025	Disability Advocacy Day
October 20-22, 2025	Self-Determination Conference

Updated: 9/10/2024



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January 21 & 22, 2026	Virtual Meeting
March 18 & 19, 2026	Hybrid Meeting - Madison
May 20 & 21, 2026	Hybrid Meeting - Madison
July 22 & 23, 2026	In-Person meeting - Milwaukee
September 16 & 17, 2026	In-Person retreat - TBD
November 18 & 19, 2026	Virtual Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting Dates

February 2 nd , 2026	2:30-3:30 PM
March 30 th , 2026	2:30-3:30 PM
June 1 st , 2026	2:30-3:30 PM
August 3 rd , 2026	2:30-3:30 PM
September 28 th , 2026	2:30-3:30 PM
November 30 th , 2026	2:30-3:30 PM

Other BPDD Dates:

March 19 th , 2026	Disability Advocacy Day
???	Self-Determination Conference

Updated: 3/19/2025

Nominating and membership:

- Sydney Badeau Co-Chair
- Kelly Weyer Co-Chair
- Tara Brzezinski
- Kevin Coughlin
- Patrick Friedrich
- Desi Kluth
- Stephenie Mlodzik
- Marcia Perkins
- Cindy Piotrowski
- Nathan Ruffolo
- Lisa Stephan
- Julie Strenn
- Tricia Thompson

Diversity:

- Andy Thain Chair
- Shanice Baquet
- Felicia Clayborne
- Anna Eggebrecht
- Cheryl Funmaker
- Daniel Parker
- Hector Portillo
- Daniel Strutz
- Hope Swanson
- Andy Thain
- Christi Whiting
- Houa Yang
- George Zaske
- Kate Szidon

Executive Committee:

- Ashley Mathy Chair
- Felicia Clayborne Vice Chair
- Nathan Ruffolo
- Cheryl Funmaker
- Marcia Perkins

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

April 7th, 2025 2:30-3:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

Chair: Ashley Mathy Vice Chair: Felicia Clayborne;

Present: Cheryl Funmaker, Marcia Perkins, Nathan Ruffolo

Staff Liaison: Beth Swedeen, Jeremy Gundlach

Absent:

Present:

Staff

Beth Swedeen, Jeremy Gundlach

Meeting called to order at 2:31 pm

1. Federal Funding and ACL discussion:

- ED Beth Swedeen discussed the dismantling of ACL. Things have moved quickly and are also changing a lot. We are unsure of where councils will live now that ACL is gone. Beth will continue to update board members and staff as she attends briefings almost daily on DD council funding.
- BPDD is talking to other councils in the state that have a non-profit organization that helps them take in other money. This could be an option for BPDD if our federal funding is cut.

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2. Plan May Board Meeting (virtual):

• GA (1hr), State-Plan 1.5 hrs, ACL and BPDD funding 30 min

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4:00-4:30 PM	Nominating and Membership Committee
4:30-5:30 PM	Diversity Committee

Day 2

8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast and Tech support
9:00 -10:00 AM	Governmental Affairs
10:00-11:30 AM	State-Plan Discussion
11:30-11:45 AM	Break
11:45-12:15 PM	BPDD funding discussion
12:15-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-1:15 PM	Public Comment
1:15-2:15 PM	Business Meeting
2:15-2:30 PM	Board Corner

3. Discuss July Board Meeting:

• We have options to hold the community conversation along our July board meeting. We can do everything like normal with things in-person or we can switch it to virtual or even hybrid.

- Nathan suggested that we do things in-person to still hold the community conversation but hold off on other in-person aspects of the board meeting, like holding committee meetings virtually and not providing food for the second day (community conversation and board meeting). Board members driving into town for the community conversation can still get hotel rooms.
- Cheryl discussed having the board meeting virtual as a plan and if funding is figured out, then we can switch things to in-person.
- Marcia likes the idea of doing community conversations in person. She brought up that the lunch being provided may be part of the reason folks come out to the community conversation.
- Nathan moves to plan a hybrid July board meeting with an in-person community conversation at Independence First. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

4. Other agenda items:

None

Motion to adjourn at 3:00 PM by Nathan Ruffolo. Motion was seconded by Ashley Mathy. Unanimously passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

April 23, 2025 1-2 pm

Virtual Meeting

Chair: Ashley Mathy Vice Chair: Felicia Clayborne;

Present: Cheryl Funmaker, Andy Thain, Nathan Ruffolo

Staff Liaison: Beth Swedeen

Additional Board members Sydney Badeau, Shanice Baquet, Anna Eggebrecht, Steph Mlodzik, Cindy Piotrowski, Hector Portillo, Julie Strenn, Lisa Stephan, Hope

Swanson, Kate Szidon, Tricia Thompson, Andy Thain

present:

Staff

Beth Swedeen, Fil Clissa, Molly Cooney, Sally Flaschberger, Tami

Present: Rogers, Tami Jackson

1. <u>Check-in:</u> Ashley called on people to share how they are coping during these stressful times.

2. Fiscal updates: Beth shared an update that the federal health and human services department is recommending zeroing out DD Councils and other disability and aging programs for federal fiscal year 2026 and going to a state system where all the groups would need to apply for funds. It is unclear what this structure would be, as no structure is currently in place. She shared this is only a draft of the department recommendations, and Congress ultimately decides on what to fund. Beth said board members can reach out to their networks to talk with members of Congress about this, and have their own meetings with Congressional reps to educate on what DD councils and other disability programs do. She also said BPDD has not received funds past March 14 of this year. BPDD's accountant says we will be out of funds by mid to late September if we don't receive the remaining funds for FFY2025. We were told those should come in late May, but there have been no written assurances. This Administration has cut or delayed funds in other areas.

3. Upcoming meetings and activities

The Executive Committee discussed whether to move to virtual meetings in the foreseeable future until further funding is available. This means going to virtual for the planned Milwaukee meeting and either having a virtual community conversation or having local Milwaukee groups conduct their own conversations with people they serve (Shanice's idea).

Nathan put forward a motion to move to virtual format and further look for cost savings/not commit to additional expenses until we have assurance of further funding. Several members of the board commented that if the current structure is disbanded because of lack of funds, it will be very

difficult to regain the structure and staff, even if funds are restored in the future. The Exec committee voted 5-0 to adopt Nathan's proposal.

A number of board members who had ideas for continued funding volunteered to be part of an adhoc funding committee. They are: Shanice Baquet, Julie Strenn, Steph Mlodzik, Cindy Piotkowski, and Nathan Ruffolo. If others want to join, contact Beth.

Motion and second to adjourn at 1:52. Unanimously passed.

Here is a good article about what the federal Administration's efforts to change disability and aging programs would do: https://mailchi.mp/aapd/explaining-the-hhs-draft-budget-and-why-it-is-harmful-to-disabled-people?e=e2a456295a

Diversity Committee Agenda

Zoom link below

Members Chair: Andy Thain Vice Chair: ; Hector Portillo, Shanice Baquet, Daniel Strutz, George Zaske, Houa Yang, Cheryl Funmaker, Felicia Clayborne, Hope Swanson, Christi Whiting, Daniel Parker, Anna

Eggebrecht, Iris Jacobson, Kate Szidon

Staff Liaison: Molly Cooney Guest:

Symbol	Topic	Presenter	Time
	1. Call Meeting to order	Chair	4:30
	2. Recap of Last Meeting	Chair	4:30-4:35
	3. Continue exploring intersectionality: video and discussion	Chair	4:35-5:20
	4. Identify next steps	All	5:20-5:30
	5. Meeting closes	Chair	5:30

Join Zoom Meeting

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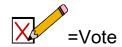
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Committee Present:		Chair: Andy Thain; Marcia Perkins, George Zaske, Hope Swanson, Shanice Baquet, Kate Szidon, Houa Yang, Felicia Clayborne, Daniel Strutz, Cheryl Funmaker, Hector Portillo, Anna Eggebrecht, Daniel Parker, Iris Jacobson, Julie Strenn, Christi Whiting
Comr	nittee Absent:	
Other Prese	r Board Members ent:	
Staff	Present:	Molly Cooney, Beth Swedeen
Guest	ts:	
	Meeting called to	order at PM
1.	Welcome and In	troductions
3.	importance o	meeting, we discussed the current climate and emphasized the of being true to ourselves and our work. We also watched and ideo clip of Imani Barbarin speaking to her intersecting identities.
4.	Topic 3: Explorir •	ng intersectionality
5.	Next Steps	
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	disability and	materials (videos, podcasts, articles) about the intersection of another group/identity (could be race, gender, sexuality, ic status, etc.), please share with Andy or Molly.
Me	eeting adjourned a	t PM

Nominating Committee Agenda

3:30 - 4:00 PM

Zoom

Members: Chairs: Sydney Badeau and Kelly Weyer; Members: Tara Brzezinski, Kevin Coughlin, Patrick Friedrich,

Desi Kluth, Stephenie Mlodzik, Marcia Perkins, Cindy Piotrowski, Nathan Ruffolo, Lisa Stephan, Julie

Strenn, Tricia Thompson, Chris Wood

Staff Liaison: Jenny Neugart

Symbol	Topic:	Presenter:	Time:
	1. Introductions and Ice Breaker	All	3:30 – 3:40 pm
	2. Finalize list of board members for the Executive Committee to be voted on in July	All	3:40 – 3:50 pm
	3. Identify potential board members for a family member opening	All	3:50 – 4:00 pm
	4. Adjourn	All	4:00 pm









BPDD Budget Update



		Federal Fiscal Year 2023			Federal Fiscal Year 2024		
	Category	Budget	Spent	Remaining	Budget	Spent	Remaining
	Personnel	621,133.54	621,133.54	0.00	549,154.00	467,244.33	81,909.67
, [Grants, Contracts, Partnerships*	480,097.45	480,097.45	0.00	609,760.92	586,160.24	23,600.68
	Programming Subtotal	1,101,230.99	1,101,230.99	0.00	1,158,914.92	1,053,404.57	105,510.35
	Must be >=70%	84.4%	84.4%		88.8%	86.9%	



	Category	Budget	Spent	Remaining	Budget	Spent	Remaining
	Personnel	100,238.30	100,238.30	0.00	71,636.43	80,166.63	(8,530.20)
)	Grants, Contracts, Partnerships*	104,022.71	104,022.71	0.00	74,380.65	79,052.22	(4,671.57)
	Board Operations Subtotal	204,261.01	204,261.01	0.00	146,017.08	159,218.85	(13,201.77)
	Must be <=30%	15.6%	15.6%		11.2%	13.1%	



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Sum	mary	Summary		
Project Period:	10/01/2022 - 09/30/2024	Project Period:	10/01/2023 - 09/30/2026	
Project Status:	Liquidation	Project Status:	Open	
Total Award:	1,305,492.00	Total Award:	1,304,932.00	
Spent	1,305,492.00	Spent	1,212,623.42	
Remaining	0.00	Remaining	92,308.58	



The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) mission is to help people with developmental disabilities become independent, productive, and included in all facets of community life.

2022-2026 BPDD Goals, Objectives, Projects

Goal #1: By September 2026, people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families are aware of and able to access, use, and improve programs to maximize inclusion, self-determination, productivity, integration, and independence in community life. (as evidenced by:)

Obje	ctive	Pr	ojects
1.1.	By September 30, 2026, as a result of BPDD action, 1,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and families will say they know about and can access the supports they need to live the lives they want.	•	Promote accessible information: Plain language efforts Self-Determination Conference Broker services pilot with DHS
1.2.	By September 30, 2026, as a result of BPDD action, 100 families of young children of color will use the public services, public programs and community supports they need. (targeted disparity)	•	Families Supporting Families
1.3.	By September 30, 2026, the Board will act as a policy adviser to the legislature, Governor and other policymakers on policies that impact all aspects of community life, decision-making, and full inclusion, resulting in 25 improved policies and practices that increases community participation, decision making and full inclusion. (policy objective)	•	Informing policymakers on a variety of topics

Goal #2: By September 2026, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience equity, access, and opportunity to foster authentic relationships and be seen as valued contributors to their communities.

communities.	
Objectives	Projects
2.1. By September 30, 2026, as a result of BPDD action, 650 people	• Sparks: Building connections grants
with intellectual and developmental disabilities will say they have	 Living Well: Healthy, Safe and
increased social connection and reduced isolation.	Connected Toolkit
	 Partners with Business
2.2. By September 30, 2026, as a result of BPDD action and through	 Supported Decision-Making
collaboration with the Developmental Disabilities Network, 775	Disability Vote Coalition
people with intellectual and developmental disabilities will make	Choice-making project
choices about their everyday lives. (DD Network Collaboration)	 Living Well: "Safe and Free" and
	"Rights" toolkits for providers and
	self-advocates
2.3. September 30 th , 2026, as a result of BPDD action, 900 self-	People First Wisconsin
advocates will engage in effective advocacy. (Self-Advocacy	 Elevating voices of people with
requirement)	disabilities: videos; Take Your
	Legislator to Work; DAD
	 Living Well: Self-Advocacy Trainers
2.4 By September 30 th , 2026, as a result of BPDD action, 1,000 self-	Youth Leadership Forum
advocates will participate in leadership training and practice	Partners in Policymaking
their leadership skills across all aspects of community life. (Self-Advocacy requirement)	

Developing our next 5-Year State Plan

October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2031

May 2025 Board Meeting



Agenda for 10:45-11:45

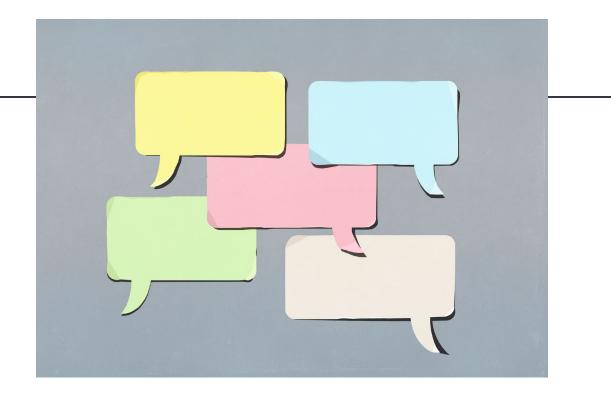
 Discussion: How should we handle state plan development?

Developmental Disabilities Act

Comprehensive Review and Analysis: Part A

Next steps





DISCUSSION

How do we handle state plan development when we are uncertain about BPDD's future?



Timeline for 2027-2031 State Plan

Timeline	Activities
July/September 2024	Begin discussion and plan for gathering input Brainstorm emerging issues Public Input Mapping
November 2024	Ongoing discussion on emerging issues: Create a plan for gathering public input (Conversation Cafes - virtual and in-person)
2025 Board meetings and retreat	Continue to hold Conversation Café's and other forums for public input; Ongoing discussion and presentations on emerging issues; Review of current State Plan.
September 2025	Review all the input and develop goal areas



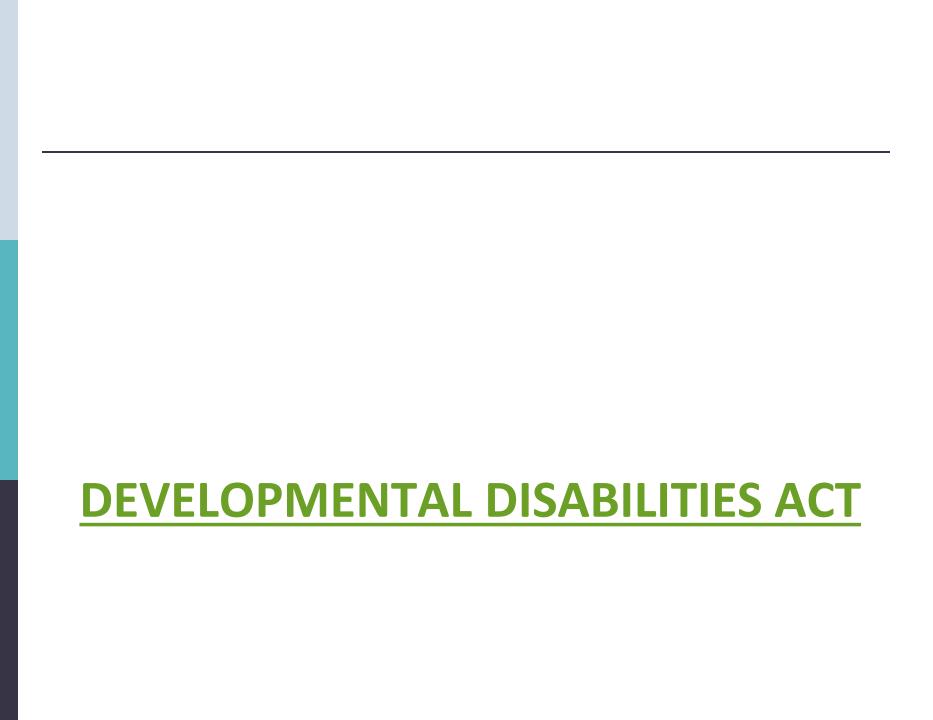
Timeline

Timeline	Activities
November 2025	Develop specific goal language and suggestions for objectives
January 2026	Review recommendations; make any needed modifications; develop budget allocations
February 2026	Send out draft for 45-day public input and hold public hearing
March 2026	Review public comments and make any revisions; send out for another 45 days, if needed
April 2026	Write final version of Plan
May 2026	Final approval of plan
August 15, 2026	Submit Plan to federal government

Input gathered so far

- Board members input on emerging needs (x20)
- Self-Determination Conference: DHS Listening Sessions
- Disability Advocacy Day registration (x450)
- □ Family Voices Listening Session (x19)
- Circles of Life Community Conversation (x200)
- 1:1 and small group conversations: sibling experience; LGBT experience; WI Council on Special Education (June)

Discussion notes





DD Act tells us how to develop our plan



Foundation of the plan = to address unmet needs



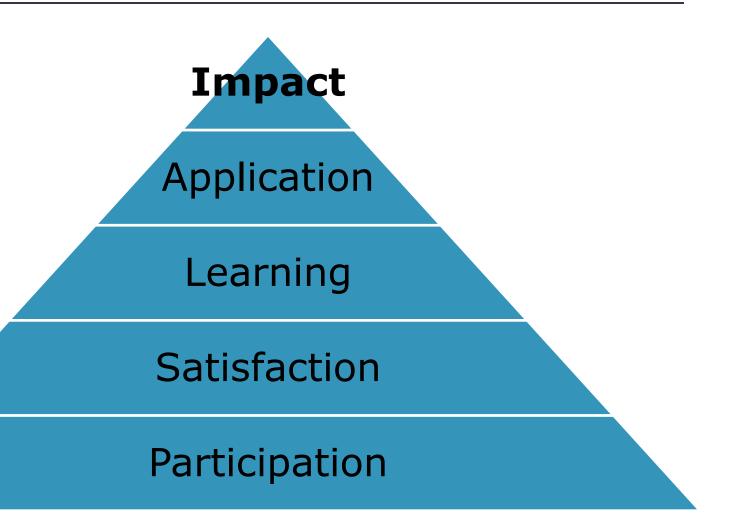
Focus on advocacy, capacity building, systemic change related to the Areas of Emphasis



Develop plan based on data



State Plan Goals Lead to Systems Change = Impact





Areas of Emphasis

- Quality Assurance
- **Childcare**
- Education
- **Employment**
- Health



Areas of Emphasis continued



Housing



Recreation



Transportation



Other services available, including formal and informal supports



State Plan Requirement

1. Self-advocacy

- a. Support to a statewide selfadvocacy organization,
- People with developmental disabilities provide leadership training to their peers, and
- c. Promote people with disabilities serving on cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.





Previous State Plan Requirement



2. Targeted Disparity objective

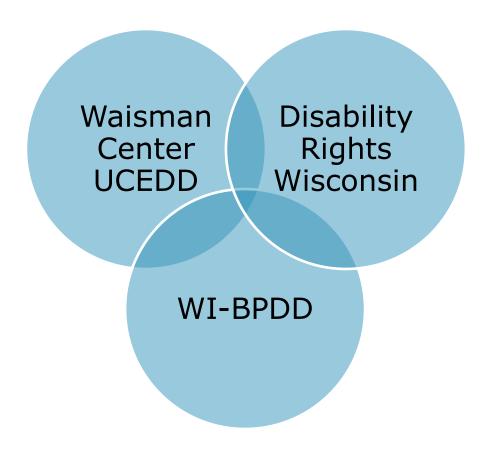
Identify and address a gap or disparity that a smaller group of people with I/DD experience.

Disparity = a difference in people's outcomes or how they access or use service systems



Previous State Plan Requirement

3. Collaboration with DD Network Partners



COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW & ANALYSIS

CRA-Part A: State Information

- Population
- Racial and ethnic diversity
- Poverty rates
- Prevalence of DD
- Residential settings
- Demographic info about people with I/DD

https://wi-bpdd.org/wpcontent/uploads/2025/03/CRA Section 1 Statewide-Information 022625.docx

Statewide Information – Wisconsin

February 2025

Racial and Ethnic Diversity

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage of Population
White, alone	79.9%
Black or African American alone	5.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.8%
Asian alone	3.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
alone	
Some other race alone	2.7%
Two or more races:	3.7%
Two races including Some other race	0.8%
Two races excluding Some other race, and	2.9%
three or more races	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	8.1%

Poverty Rate Percentage

Poverty Rate*: 10.71

Total population: 5,910,955 (2023)**

State Disability Characteristics

i) Prevalence of Developmental Disabilities in the State: 1.58%

Using estimates from the 1994/1995 National Health Interview Survey Disability Supplements¹, which are also used by the State of the States in Developmental Disabilities, there are approximately **93,393** people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the state of Wisconsin, **1.58%** of Wisconsin's population.

CRA-Part B: Portrait of State Services

- Healthcare
- Employment
- Education
- Informal and formal supports
- Transportation
- Housing
- Recreation
- Transportation

CRA-Part C: Analysis of State Issues

- Eligibility criteria for services
- Analysis of the barriers to full participation of unserved and underserved groups
- Availability of assistive technology
- Waiting lists
- Adequacy of current and future resources to fund services
- Adequacy of health care and other services people in facilitates get
- Adequacy of HCBS waiver services

Next Steps

- Talk with people about their concerns and dreams. Share this with Molly.
- July board meeting: Continue reviewing the Comprehensive Review and Analysis