

# **Developmental Disabilities Committee Charter**

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

## **Mission:**

The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Committee focuses on all intellectual and developmental disabilities services, programs, and policies of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB). The committee works closely with CSB leadership and staff to ensure that individuals in these communities are empowered to lead meaningful, self-directed lives with the supports and services they need. The Committee assists the CSB Board in meeting its responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Virginia.

## **Committee Composition:**

The DD Committee is a standing committee of the CSB Board. It is comprised of Board members appointed by the CSB Chair. Self-advocates, families, and other stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in the work of the committee. The chair of the DD Committee will serve on the CSB Executive Committee.

## **Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Advocacy
  - Advocate for DD services which promote empowerment, independence, inclusion, integration, and self-determination.
  - Collaborate with relevant public/private boards and councils at state and local levels, businesses, faith-based entities, and all service providers to attain adequate and sustainable resources for a continuum of services that will meet the needs of these diverse populations.
- Education/Outreach
  - Increase awareness and understanding of DD services and related issues to the CSB Board and throughout the state and local communities.
  - Obtain information from self-advocates, families, and community partners regarding the service system including, but not limited to, its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
  - Sustain and promote expansion of community networks and provide a public forum for discussion of DD issues.
- Communication
  - Review DD related policies, plans, proposals, budgets, grants, and such other matters and make recommendations to the CSB Board as appropriate.

## **Outcomes:**

- The CSB Board is informed of pertinent issues related to DD services and program areas.
- Board level decisions and governance regarding programs, policies, services, and funding are enhanced.