



Community Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

December 18, 2024, 12-3pm

You can join this meeting in person, or via Zoom.

- Contact Jesse Suter (802-656-1130 or jesse.suter@uvm.edu) by 12/17.
- Zoom, use this link: [Join using Zoom.](#)

You need these documents for the meeting:

- This agenda.
- September draft minutes.
- [CDCI Plan for 2024-2025](#) (reviewed in September)
- [CAC Group Agreement](#)

Agenda Summary

12:00-12:30	Welcome!
12:30-12:45	Co-chair update and possible vote.
12:45-1:15	CDCI recent events and updates.
1:15-1:30	Break.
1:30-1:35	Introduction to CDCI goals and how to be involved.
1:35-1:55	Teaching: New certificate and supporting students.
1:55-2:15	Service: Learn about CDCI projects and accessibility services.
2:15-2:35	Research: 2 new research grant opportunities.
2:35-2:50	Upcoming meetings and connections
2:50-3:00	Public comment and discuss how meeting went

Detailed Agenda

12:00-12:20 Welcome.

- The meeting will begin at noon.
- Welcome new members: Ocean and Summer!
- Please say your name and your pronouns.
- You are invited to share 1 or 2 things you hope to do on the council.
- **VOTE: Do you approve minutes from September meeting?**

12:20-12:30 Review agenda.

Today we will focus on:

1. Opening for one of the Co-Chair positions.
2. Sharing and talking about recent activities at the Center.
3. Discuss goals we are working on. How do you want to be involved?

12:30 – 12:45 CAC Co-Chairs

- The CAC needs a new co-chair to help plan CAC meetings.
- Matthew was elected as Co-Chair last meeting. He needed to step down because internet in Alburgh does not allow him to participate fully.
- They would join Michael and Jesse on the Executive Committee.
- Any CAC members with a disability are eligible.
- Please ask any questions about the role.
- Council members should make nominations.
- **VOTE: For one co-chair position (if there are nominations).**

12:45 – 1:15 CDCI Recent Events and Updates (JESSE)

There have been many activities and events at the Center since our last meeting.

CAC members have asked to be better informed. So, Jesse will share updates.

Members should ask questions to learn more.

- **We celebrated [CDCI's 50th Anniversary](#) on November 14.**

- The [Inclusive Arts Vermont CYCLES Art Exhibition](#) has been on display at CDCI offices since early November.
 - The exhibition is also available online as an [audio tour](#).
 - [Learn about the artists and listen to descriptions of their artwork](#).
 - Some artists will continue showing their work at CDCI through May.
- **Think College gets international recognition:**
 - Think College was featured at the [Inclusion in Action Conference](#) at University College Cork in Ireland!
 - Earned a spot on the [Zero Project](#) Shortlist for 2025. The shortlist means Think College was in the final round for an award for inclusive employment. Think College did not get an award but invited to March conference in Vienna, Austria.
- **Vermont I-Team held the first session of their new [Inclusive School Conference series](#). [Dr. Shelley Moore](#) led a dynamic session challenging educators to make schools fully inclusive.**
- **UVM purchased a license to watch the new documentary “The Ride Ahead” by Dan and Samuel Habib.** You can use your UVM NetID to watch.
- **UVM announced a new Office of Accessibility Services** starting in January. This office will coordinate all student and employee disability services. Jesse met with the director to discuss how to support them.

1:15 – 1:30 Break

1:30 – 1:35 Introduction: CDCI Goals and How to be Involved

- In September we shared our [plan for CDCI goals and activities this year](#).
- We received great feedback about many of our goals but not all of them. Today we will ask for feedback on goals we did not discuss.
- And please tell us how you want to be more involved with these goals between CAC meetings.

- NOTE: We will not discuss Communication goals today. We will talk about them at our March 2025 meeting.

1:35 – 1:55 Teaching

- **Goal 2: Create a smaller version of Certificate in Disability Studies.**
How can we get enough students to take it?
- **Goal 5: Better support students with disabilities at UVM.**
The new Office of Accessibility Services will help students who request accommodations. How can CDCI support students beyond what this office is doing? How do we increase inclusion and fight ableism?

1:55 – 2:15 Community Service

- **Goal 2: Provide community services in early intervention, education, employment, healthcare, and assistive technology.**
We have so many community service projects at CDCI. What work are you most interested in? How would you like to learn about what they are doing?
- **How can we create a project to offer accessibility services?**
More people and organizations are asking us to help them be more accessible. We can only respond to a few requests. If we charge for some services more people could do this work.
What accessibility services do you think are most needed?

2:15 – 2:35 Research

- **Goal 4: Apply for funding to do more research.**
We are considering 2 grants:
 1. **Create an Autism Research Consortium.**
They want to bring together researchers to help autistic kids and youth. CDCI supports the UVM Autism Collaborative which has similar goals. What would it take to grow the UVM Autism Collaborative to be a national resource? Are you interested?

2. ***Study national Think College programs.***

National Learn about Think College programs around the country to see how they help students.

2:35-2:50 Upcoming Meetings and Connections

- **CAC Meetings:**
 - March 19, 2025: New website review and feedback.
 - June 25, 2025: CDCI Year in Review.
 - September 17, 2025: CDCI Plan for 2025-2026
 - December 17, 2025
- **Monthly meetings for all CDCI personnel** (on 3rd Thursday, 1-2pm).
Opportunity to meet more people at Center. Are you interested?
- **June retreat.** An opportunity to spend time together and have fun. Are you interested?
- **Request a meeting** with Jesse, Rachel, or core function coordinators.
- **CDCI Newsletters.** All CAC members should receive the center newsletter. Several projects also have newsletters.
- **On the web and social media.** Learn about our work, hear great stories, and get resources: [CDCI website](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), and 30+ episodes of [Green Mountain Disability Stories podcast](#).

2:50-3:00 Process Today's Meeting

- Members of the public are welcome to make a brief statement.
- CAC members discuss how the meeting went today.
- Decide what we should change for next meeting.

At 3pm, the meeting will be over.

Thank you for your time. We appreciate you.