



Community Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

March 19, 2025, 12-3pm

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

- Contact Jesse Suter (802-656-1130 or jesse.suter@uvm.edu) by 3/18 if you want to attend in person.
- Zoom, use this link: [Join using Zoom.](#)

You need these documents for the meeting:

- This agenda.
- December draft minutes.
- CDCI Website Feedback
- [Letter from director about federal funding.](#)
- DD Act Summary
- [CDCI Plan for 2024-2025](#) (reviewed in September)
- [CAC Group Agreement](#)

Agenda Summary

12:00-12:30	Welcome!
12:30-1:00	CDCI updates.
1:00-1:15	Teaching: New certificate and supporting students.
1:15-1:30	Research: 2 new grant opportunities.
1:30-1:45	Break.
1:45-2:45	CDCI Website Feedback
2:45-3:00	Public comment and discuss how meeting went

Detailed Agenda

12:00-12:20 Welcome.

- The meeting will begin at noon.
- Please introduce yourself with 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 December meeting?**

12:20-12:30 Review agenda.

Today we will focus on:

1. Sharing and talking about recent updates at the Center.
2. Topics we did not cover in December: Teaching and Research.
3. Focus on the new CDCI website. Getting your feedback.

12:30-1:00 CDCI Updates (JESSE)

CAC members have asked to be better informed about CDCI. Jesse is sharing a few recent updates. Members should ask questions to learn more.

- Two state projects supporting adults are ending at CDCI:
 - Supported Employment agreement with HireAbility ended early.
 - Assistive Technology Project with CDCI ending September 2025.
- With the new administration in DC there are many questions and concerns. Jesse has started to send updates to answer some questions.
 - On 2/13/2025 Jesse sent a [public letter and video](#). This was a response to accusations that hiring people with disabilities led to an airline crash. Letter also included information on our federal funding.
 - On 2/14/2025 Jesse sent an internal memo to educate personnel about the Developmental Disabilities Act.
 - Do you have any suggestions for future updates?
- Submitted our request for funding next year: July 2025 – June 2026.

1:00 – 1:15 Teaching (WINNIE & JESSE)

- **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.**
 - New UVM Office of Accessibility Services planned to hire two new people. Waiting to hear when they are hired so we can coordinate student supports.

1:15 – 1:30 Research (JESSE)

- **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.

1:30 – 1:45 Break

1:45 – 2:45 CDCI Website Update Feedback (AUDREY)

- CDCI has built a new website. You can find it at go.uvm.edu/cdci.
- Audrey is seeking your feedback to make the website more useful and accessible.
- During the CAC meeting, Audrey will ask 4 questions:
 - What's one word you'd use to describe this website?
 - On this website, what are you most likely to click on first?
 - What's one feature you wish we would add to this website?

- Do you have any suggestions for how we could improve this website overall?
- **Please note:** CDCI is going to record this portion of the meeting. The recording will only be used to create a written transcript of the discussion. The transcript is only for CDCI. After we make a transcript, the recording will be destroyed.

2:45-3:00 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.