

Center on Disability & Community Inclusion

Community Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

June 25, 2025, 12-3pm

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

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

You need these documents for the meeting:

- This agenda (pdf or video)
- [March draft minutes](#) (pdf)
- [CDCI Newsletter on article on funding and call for stories](#) (pdf or video)
- [CDCI Year in Review 2024-2025](#) (pdf or video)
- [CAC Group Agreement](#)

Agenda Summary

12:00-12:30	Welcome & Membership updates 5 minutes
12:30-1:00	Updates about Center and Funding
1:00-1:15	CDCI Year in Review: Teaching
1:15-1:30	CDCI Year in Review: Communication
1:30-1:40	Break
1:40-2:15	CDCI Year in Review: Community Service
2:15-2:30	CDCI Year in Review: Research
2:30-2:45	Open feedback and discussion
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.
- There is a lot going on in Vermont and the U.S. What feels most important to you right now?
- **VOTE:** Do you approve minutes from March meeting?

12:20-12:30 Review agenda.

Today we will focus on:

1. Federal updates and what they mean for CDCI.
2. CDCI Year in Review.

12:30-1:00 Updates about Center and funding (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.

- Jesse will share updates about Center projects and people.
- Jesse will share updates about federal funding.
- CAC members should ask questions.
- Question for CAC: How can CDCI improve how we talk about our impact?
- As we discuss CDCI Year in Review – what is most important to you?

1:00 – 1:15 Teaching (WINNIE)

- Supporting Think College.
- Create a smaller version of Certificate in Disability Studies.
- Designing online classes in disability studies and accessibility.
 - Working on intro course first.
 - **Question:** What are the top 5 things to include?
- Better support students with disabilities at UVM.

- Need to work with new UVM Office of Accessibility Services
- What questions do you have for OAS? What recommendations?

1:15 – 1:30 CDCI Year in Review: Communication (JESSE)

- Lots of progress on increasing language access.
- CDCI websites were completely redesigned for accessibility and usability.
- Green Mountain Disability Stories podcast had successful year.
- **Questions** since Audrey left in May:
 - What communication is most important to continue?
 - How can we better support sharing the stories of Vermonters with disabilities?

1:30 – 1:40 Break

1:40 – 2:15 CDCI Year in Review: Community Service (MAUREEN)

- Spending more time on community services because this is most of our work. Also, CAC has asked to better understand projects.
- Organized this section not by projects. Instead organized by 6 broad areas. Emphasizing progress and issues.
 - Accessibility resources and services
 - Assistive Technology
 - Early childhood
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Health
- **Question:** How can we best learn about people's experiences with services?

2:15 – 2:30 CDCI Year in Review: Research (JESSE)

- Progress made on better understanding community needs in Vermont.
- Struggled to find enough time for report on State of the State on Disability in Vermont.
- New partnerships supporting disability-led research.
- UVM Autism Collaborative is changing leadership.
- Working on new grant application, but much harder to get research grants.
- **Question:** What data is most needed to help people with disabilities in Vermont.

2:30 – 2:45 CDCI Year in Review: Open Conversation

- This is a chance to talk about any areas for the CDCI Year in Review.

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.