The Road Ahead:
Challenges and Opportunities

- Budget cuts and continual need to search for funding to maintain & grow programs
  - particular challenge with shrinking budgets
  - funding diversification – how far to go?
- Changing and varying expectations of funding agencies
  - new & emerging priorities
  - use of federal funds
  - interpretation of regulations

- Functioning within University environment
- Competing priorities between faculty roles and center obligations
- Multiple constituencies and collaborators
  – Expanding quality and breadth of collaborations
- Competing priorities between individual projects and the Center as a whole
  – Project versus Center recognition in community

- Expanding diversity – consumers, trainees, staff, faculty
- Enhancing quality of existing systems
- Developing needed supports and services for full community integration
- Impacting generic systems – health, housing, etc.
- Understanding and supporting the self-advocacy movement
- Tensions in cross disability vs. DD vs. single disorder
- Documenting impact

- Director's role as a content expert vs. administrator
- Director's role in leadership development of staff
  - Time, depth of knowledge and experience
- Balancing growth & quality of UCEDD
  - Following opportunities & possibilities
  - Maintaining quality and work/life balance