

Meaningfully Engaging Your Community Advisory Council

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- 100% people with disabilities and family members
- Other venues for interacting with DD network
- Representative- ages, cultures, organizations
- Sentinels- first to experience effect

- Active with one cross-project team to learn about center
- Bi-monthly topical meetings
- Plan two annual statewide events
- Review community grant applications
- Five-year plan

- Who?
 - Statewide representation
 - Diverse
 - Lifespan
 - Informed core members and new voices

- Listen to many stakeholders between meetings
- Be informed about the UCEDD
- Feedback to the UCEDD
- Inform UCEDD about range of emerging issues

- Be engaged
- Think 5 years out
- Discuss opportunities
- Advise

CAB Promising Practices

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Structure

By-laws that detail:

- Purpose
- Meeting frequency
- Reimbursement
- Accommodations
- Membership



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NEBRASKA UCEDD COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

Preamble

The mission of the Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation (MMI) is to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and for their families. The Institute's services, interdisciplinary education, research, technical assistance, and outreach programs have evolved with the support and guidance of individuals with disabilities and family members with the aim of promoting independence, inclusion, and productivity of persons with disabilities in order to empower those individuals to exert greater control over their everyday lives. As one aspect of fulfilling this mission, MMI has competitively applied for and received funding to be designated by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities as a University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD) in accordance with the federal Developmental Disabilities Act.

Article I **PURPOSE**

In accordance with Grant 90DD0601, the UCEDD has convened a Community Advisory Board (CAB). The name of the assembled will be the Community Advisory Board of the Nebraska University Center on Disabilities. The CAB is composed of self advocates, family members and provider representatives to articulate their interests, views and priorities as they relate to the mission of the UCEDD. The UCEDD recognizes and values self and family advocate feedback and guidance regarding training, research, services and supports, technical assistance, dissemination and outreach services.

The CAB is the primary advising body of the UCEDD. The purpose of the CAB is to provide ongoing advice and assistance to the UCEDD Director, UCEDD Associate Director, and Core Coordinators which will ensure that the UCEDD continues to grow, develop and undertake initiatives which contribute to the realization of its mission. The CAB will contribute to the integration of individuals with disabilities into the community and work toward enhancing the quality of services and supports provided in the field of disabilities. The CAB's activities may include:

1. Recommending priorities for UCEDD grant-funded activities;
2. Performing designated duties within the UCEDD as requested by the Director;
3. Recommending revisions to the UCEDD's goals and objectives and helping to assure that the UCEDD is in substantial compliance with stated goals and objectives;
4. Acting as advocates for individuals with disabilities through planning, evaluating and influencing activities of the UCEDD;
5. Promoting the purposes of the UCEDD in their individual communities;

To Increase Participation

- Offer stipend and reimburse for expenses
- Provide new member orientation
- Notes to review before CAB meetings
- Member supports
- Representation from People First



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