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
Roles/Responsibilities

• 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
David Mank, Example

• Who?
  – Statewide representation
  – Diverse
  – Lifespan
  – Informed core members and new voices
Roles/Responsibilities

• Listen to many stakeholders between meetings
• Be informed about the UCEDD
• Feedback to the UCEDD
• Inform UCEDD about range of emerging issues
Roles/Responsibilities

• Be engaged
• Think 5 years out
• Discuss opportunities
• Advise
Structure

By-laws that detail:

- Purpose
- Meeting frequency
- Reimbursement
- Accommodations
- Membership
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
• https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AECAC