

UCEDD Directors Meeting

January 27th 4-6pm ET

Breakout Room Notes

Breakout Room Topic:

Navigating Policy Environments Post Election

What You're Seeing:

- Interest in appropriations for FY22
- ND- Hard to focus on anything on the federal level when the state level is busy
- SD- Legislative Session Fast and furious. PPI with IDD are starting to speak out
- NY- Waiting to see how much aid is allotted in state budget. Discontinuation of state and local tax deduction. Proposed 20% hold on all budgets will change to 5% hold on budget
- NJ- Continue emergency provisions under COVID relief. Flexibility in Medicaid and increased funding in direct support.
- OH- Pushback in response. Intentional stopping the tide of making disabilities issues partisan. Importance of building visibility.
- Incredible amount of positive stuff in a short time so focusing on efforts being put in place.

What You're Doing

- NJ- Meeting with legislative caucus – young adults lost out on transition activities and have aged out. What does that mean for funding? Commit to HBCS service rather than goal and state level. HSBS Setting Role unattended.
- NY- 2 new congress progressive – meeting with legislators to talk about network.

What Next?

- Hopeful for more strength under HSCBS setting rule- Alison Barkoff appointment is a good sign
- OCR Call for Comments shows Administration Change
- Shift in tone and can't forget about 75 million people are not for new administration. Division is going to continue in our country while will make things difficult to get done.
- States, Territories and Tribes acknowledged in COVID Response with administration.

- Interesting possibility to make progress on the partisanship due to split senator. If any legislations need to pass it has to be bipartisan. That changes what conversations happen to have in senate and house and hopeful will change conversations in the nation.
- DD community has high expectations, and we need manage expectation to allow the work to be done.
- Focus on covid and economy but we can make sure people with disabilities are a part of the conversation.
- How do we start to rebuild relationships?
- Educate legislators on who is the network what we do, and what value we bring.