

AUCD Public Policy Committee Structure

Purpose

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) advocates for a number of legislative issues that are critical to individuals with disabilities and their families. The Public Policy Committee supports the mission, vision, and values of AUCD by supporting the strategic plan to advance disability-related policies and practices that improve lives. It is the role of the Public Policy Committee to:

- Develop bi-annual priority legislative issues in collaboration with the AUCD Board of Directors
- Monitor key policy issues at the federal level that affect the disability community
- Improve communication and understanding of federal (and key state) policy issues among AUCD network members
- Engage AUCD network members in federal and state policy advocacy
- Encourage policy advocacy involvement from network members, including trainees, early career professionals, self-advocates, family members, and individuals with lived experience

Composition

The Public Policy Committee of The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is composed of the full AUCD Public Policy team, 1 Chair, 3 Co-Chairs appointed by the AUCD Board of Directors, one of whom serves as the Liaison to the AUCD Board, and AUCD network members either appointed by individual member organizations or self-selected with the approval of the individual's supervisor. Each AUCD member organization (i.e., University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Leadership in Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND), and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center (IDDRC) should have at least one representative available to attend monthly Committee meetings and report back to other center or program members.

Time Commitment

- Attend and contribute during one-hour monthly conference call meetings (70 minutes/month)
- Review and distribute, as appropriate weekly In-Brief sent to AUCD member organizations (10 minutes/week)
- Review Committee meeting minutes and follow-up on action items (varies; 10 minutes/month is typical)

Expectations of Members

- Maintain confidentiality of strategic plans for advocacy and information shared during meetings

For more information, visit www.aucd.org,
or contact Policy Director Rylin Rodgers at rrodgers@aucd.org.

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- Be an ambassador of the Policy Committee to encourage other Network members to engage in advocacy at the federal, state and local levels
- Keep Center members apprised of issues at the federal and state levels
- When possible, attend in-person Policy Committee meetings held during the annual AUCD Conference and Disability Policy Seminar

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