
VIRGINIA BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Commonwealth of Virginia

Board Policy 11.0: Organizational Memberships and Liaison Organizations

The Board shall establish relationships and engage in coalitions, as appropriate, with national, state, and local organizations that facilitate the accomplishment of the Board's mission, goals, and objectives.

I. Organizational Memberships

A. The DD Council National Organization

1. The Executive Committee shall annually approve the expenditure for membership in the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) or its successor organization.
2. The Executive Director and the Board Chair shall represent the Board on the NACDD or its successor organization.
 - a) The Executive Director may delegate representation on committees or workgroups to Board staff.
 - b) The Board Chairperson may shall designate Board members to serve in this role or to represent the Board on various committees or workgroups.
 - c) The Chairperson shall make appropriate efforts to reflect the diversity of the Board in those designations and shall make an effort to rotate the involvement of Board members in activities of the organization as appropriate within fiscal constraints of the Board.
 - d) Expenditures that are incurred by Board members to participate in activities of the national organization must be approved in advance by the Executive Director in consultation with the Board Chairperson.

B. Other Organizational Memberships

1. The Executive Director may authorize membership in other state, national, or local organizations as members when such membership provides a benefit to the Board, its staff, and/or its constituents and is within the budget as

approved by the Chair.

II. Liaison with Other Organizations

The Board shall seek to develop collaborative relationships and engage in coalitions as necessary to accomplish its work in the areas of advocacy, capacity building, and systems change.

- A. The Executive Director and Board staff, at the discretion of the Executive Director shall participate in inter-agency liaison activities, task forces, workgroups, and other coalitions that are relevant to accomplishment of state and/or strategic planning objectives.
- B. The Executive Committee and Board Chairperson shall routinely consider Board member representation, where appropriate, on inter-agency task forces, workgroups, and other coalitions that are relevant to accomplishment of state and/or strategic planning objectives.
- C. Board and staff members who are selected to represent the Board in such activities have the authority to speak on behalf of the Board consistent with Policy 9.0.
- D. Board members and staff who represent the Board on interagency task forces, workgroups or other coalitions shall complete a Monitoring Report (form attached) within 10 working days of the meeting or activity. This report shall be filed in the Board offices as documentation that the Board engaged in such activity and shall be sent via e-mail to Executive Committee members by the Executive Director.

Adopted by the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities

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