

## November 2024 GCDE General Membership Meeting follow up

- **Please watch your inboxes for the form to nominate 2025 GCDE Members-At-Large** to the Coordinating Committee and **return it to Emily by the deadline**. It also includes space to **suggest future agenda topics or cross-disability discussions**.
- **More information** (to include a 1-pager) **will be forthcoming soon for the Associate Members** subsequent to the recent listening session. *Amy is happy to review it.*
- **Departing members, we do still welcome your continued involvement** as you're able, so if you have the time and capacity – please consider it.
- During these polarizing times, it is more important than ever that people with disabilities have a strong and united voice – so please **do what you can to help, listen, and amplify those voices, concerns, and issues for action** – even as Damiana departs.
- **More information is forthcoming about Damiana's successor as chairperson in 2025** – both candidates have been submitted to the Boards & Commissions office for consideration.
- Here is a link to the [Legislative 101 Training](#) from Patti Dailey-Shives (also in the meeting materials). You can **email Patti for additional questions at [patti.gcde@gmail.com](mailto:patti.gcde@gmail.com)**. The **Right to Repair bill (being reintroduced this session) was also referenced** during this presentation. **Visit [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov) for more information about bills**. Please **consider joining the Legislative subcommittee of GCDE** if you are interested, or have **bills you'd like us to consider prioritizing** (*Yvonne and Dave will be added, as requested*). *Amy will still be involved, but a new chair hasn't been appointed yet.* We have **additional trainings** that can be presented in the future (such as Advocacy 101). **Note:** if speaking to a legislator, you are welcome to mention that you serve on GCDE, but please also note that any advocacy or testimony you do for bills is **speaking on your own behalf**. The group is working on a **manual** for additional clarification about boundaries, roles, and ethics – **please provide your feedback**. Contact **staff for additional questions** at [gcde@esd.wa.gov](mailto:gcde@esd.wa.gov).
- Per Nancy's presentation about Veterans re-entering society and the workforce as civilians, **if you are in a role to affect change - please consider ensuring the service members you work with understand their benefits, tailor interview questions so as not to be triggering and to allow them to translate their lived experiences and skills, and ask them how best you can support them** as they transition back to civilian life (don't assume).
- The **Transition Map** developed by OSPI, DDA, DVR, and DSB to concisely summarize statewide transition services for people with disabilities in WA and address gaps in support of their work on **SSB 5790 in 2022** will be **coming soon to the [WSRC website](#)** (homepage/menu). **Please share it in your networks and email [Shelby.satko@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Shelby.satko@dshs.wa.gov) if you have dissemination requests or questions**. *Shelby will also find out where they got it translated and share with GCDE.* It will be made accessible and provided in 11 languages (English, Arabic, Cambodian, Punjabi, Russian, Chinese, Somalian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese), and available on the [DVR](#), [DSB](#), [DDA](#), and [Informing Families](#) (has county info) websites as well.
- **Other resources shared by our Youth Panel:**
  - [Find a transition counselor](#)

- [Comprehensive Inclusive Education](#)
- [Extended Myths & Facts on Inclusionary Practices](#)
- [Inclusionary Practices Technical Assistance Network \(IPTN\)](#)
- **Youth Panel contact info for additional questions:**
  - Pablo Villarreal (DSB): [pablo.villarreal@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:pablo.villarreal@dshs.wa.gov)
  - Tania May (OSPI): [tania.may@k12.wa.us](mailto:tania.may@k12.wa.us)
  - Lisa Wheeler (DSB): [lisa.wheeler@dsb.wa.gov](mailto:lisa.wheeler@dsb.wa.gov)
  - Damiana Harper (DSB 0-13 program): [damiana.harper@dsb.wa.gov](mailto:damiana.harper@dsb.wa.gov)
- **Resources from Knowing Your Why Presentation:**
  - [PowerPoint presentation](#)
  - [Values list](#)
  - YouTube video: [Michael Jr. – Know Your Why](#)
  - Presenter email: [leni.marshall@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:leni.marshall@dshs.wa.gov)
  - Please consider making a note of your personal vision statement and 1: using it in your daily interactions (meetings, evals, decisions, reflecting on the day, etc.) and helping others to do the same; and 2: thinking about how it applies to your work with GCDE. Possibly revisit it in 6 months to a year. Follow up exercise to ponder - have the group share their personal vision statements and work together to assign folks to tasks or groups within GCDE that fit their strengths.
- **2025 planning process:**
  - Please contact staff and Damiana if you have any additional feedback, or historical context to share (*Suzi has volunteered to do so*). Mentorship will continue.
  - Be advised – GCDE continues the process towards obtaining equipment to be able to hold effective and barrier free hybrid meetings statewide and understands that both virtual and in-person options will be needed for maximum safety, equity, & accessibility in today’s post-COVID world.
    - *Sue, our CART provider, and Patti Dailey-Shives have offered to share additional input around this solution with Elizabeth.*
    - Staff will coordinate travel for folks wanting to attend in-person meetings, when the time comes.
  - A small group of folks has been working on drafting an overall Comms plan (initial stages) for GCDE, to include items like monthly newsletters, where folks could get updates (even on groups they aren’t a part of – *Lyn is happy to help with this*). As a note, all GCDE meetings are public, and links/minutes are posted on our [website](#). Folks are welcome to listen and join in where they can.
  - Please [sign up for GCDE’s listserv](#) and let us know if there are things you’d like to see shared out on it.
- **Seeking new members:**
  - Awards subcommittee – contact Emily Heike: [emily.heike@esd.wa.gov](mailto:emily.heike@esd.wa.gov)
  - Accessible Communities subcommittee – contact Elaine Stefanowicz: [elaine.stefanowicz@esd.wa.gov](mailto:elaine.stefanowicz@esd.wa.gov)