**Community Advancement and Advocacy Committee**

August 22, 2022

11:30-1:00

[Meeting Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89571073604?pwd=SHcxbXJBSzhmc3AvNngvL0pXenorUT09)

**Agenda**

* Welcome and Introductions
* Update on Advocacy Retreat
* Group Discussion: Additional Data for Needs Assessment
* Collaboration: What partners outside of the disability community do we need to connect with?
* Advocacy Goals 2023: Housing, Transportation, Health Care
* Legislative Discussion: What to prepare for in the next year
* Public Comment

Committee Chairs: Rajai Saleh & Gina Wilt

Committee Members: Renee Wood, John Ballard, Gwen Harshaw, Mirta Reyes-Chapman, Paul Jarvis, Pam Drake, Katie Hunt Thomas, Kara Ayers, Maria Matzik

**Advocacy Retreat**

* Dates set for September 7th and 8th
* 26 people registered from the SILC, CILs, and the Advocacy Taskforce
* Long Term Goal: Build stronger advocacy network across the state
* Short Term Goals: Determine barriers in the network to advocacy engagement and to begin regular conversations with network

**Additional Data Needs**

* Currently have the Statewide Needs Assessment (please continue sharing)
* Data from ODM on number of individuals in each county on HCBS waivers and in institutional settings
* What areas of data would be beneficial to include in a final report?

**Collaboration**

* State Plan has a section dedicated to collaboration
* Who are the partners outside of the disability community we should begin engaging with?
* Are there strategic partners that have missions that align with our work?

**Advocacy Goals**

* Is there one goal we can accomplish in the next year around each of the main priority areas?
  + Housing
  + Transportation
  + Health Care

**Legislative Landscape for the coming year**

* State budget process
* Lame Duck session
* New General Assembly