# NACDD DICLC LIST SERV MEETING

August 5, 2020 at 4pm Eastern via Zoom

In attendance: Angela Castillo-Epps NACDD, Daintry Bartoldus HI, Jackie Hayes NY, Alison Whyte DC, Tedra Jackson MI, Eric Jacobson GA, Katheryne Staeger-Wilson MO, Dana Thompson PA, Assiah Lewellen, AR, Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, NH, Maria Pinkelton, GA, and Katheryne Staeger-Wilson, MO

The DICLC list serve reviewed the purpose of the group.

* Knowledge sharing: Provide a platform to share information and resources related to DD Council work and DICLC.
* Problem solving: Facilitated discussions on specific needs, challenges and barriers related to embedding CLC in all aspects of DD Council work. (monthly email blasts with questions that encourage dialogue among the group – led by Alison Whyte, ED of the DC Council)
* Continued education and positioning Councils as leaders: Identify and support potential topics to be addressed at the NACDD annual conference. (plenary, breakout session, in-person networking opportunity)

The group discussed how important it is for ACL to have an intentional focus on racial inequities, especially given the current landscape. NACDD staff reminded the group of the supports that NACDD/ITACC provides to all Councils, including but not limited to developing/presenting on DICLC at the NACDD annual conference, facilitation of the DICLC listserv, Rapid Response, DICLC section in Field Notes, and the DICLC webinars, resources and strategies’ pages of the ITACC website. *An online version of the DICLC Strategies document (the only compilation of strategies by and for Councils) will be available soon on the ITACC website.*

**Ideas shared during the meeting.**

A possible DICLC library with information that the Councils could access. If the group is interested, a workgroup could be formed to flush out the idea. If you are interested, please contact Angela directly at acastillo-epps@nacdd.org or 410-236-9920.

An activity to be developed by the group that could involve the work of all the Councils but that would also benefit the community. Possibly through the NACDD conference. NACDD staff will meet separately with the DC Council to gather additional information.

Use Zoom’s capacity for breakout rooms to divide into groups to discuss specific topics of interest.

**The group reported out on DICLC happenings in their states.**

GA is planning a topic specific Town Hall on August 13 to gather information on the multiple intersects that people with DD encounter. I.e. race, gender, sexuality etc. The GA Council hopes to use the information to identify the gaps and meet the needs of this population in GA.

GA asked for recommendations for a facilitator for the Town Hall and through the DICLC listserv, will receive potential speakers from MI. In addition, the group also asked for a recording of the Town Hall when available.

MI Equity Impact Assessment – a type of guide to support CLC work. The MI Council will partner with another group to review its plan and develop strategies for implementing its plan in a culturally and linguistically competent manner.

DC and MI – The CoP on Cultural and Linguistic Competence participants receive presentations that would be beneficial to all Councils. Though the Quarterly Peer Learning Exchange is a closed group, the content from the presentations is archived and could be shared. Angela will follow up with Alison Whyte on how to bring together the Councils that are engaged with different CoPs so this information can be shared more widely across the network.

PA – The 2020 PA Community Alliance will be held virtually this year. The announcement will be sent to the DICLC listserv. More information on the Community Alliance can be found in the Strategies document. Since this document is not available online at this time, NACDD staff will send it in the follow up email.

AR – The AR Council is making strides in its targeted disparity work. A new initiative will expand the availability of interpreters to support families from the Marshallese community. The AR Council is also partnering with the AR Support Network’s parent resource center to support Marshallese, Latinx and other populations with communication barriers. AR will continue to support the difficult conversations regarding the prioritization of cultural and linguistic competence and hopes to onboard the new Executive Director with that same philosophy.

MO – The MO Council staff continues to educate its Council about the importance of CLC and how it must be embedded in all aspects of Council work and in the implementation of its five-year state plan. MO Council continues to work on its School to Prison Pipeline and Trauma Informed School initiative that focuses on English language learners. MO staff thanked the PA Council for supporting its efforts to possibly replicate the Community Alliance in MO.

NH – The NH Council echoed the same struggles with regard to advocating for CLC work and diversity. NH is using the current momentum of advocacy movements to partner more strategically with the Office of Health Equity and Parent Resource Centers. The partnership will increase the participation of people with disabilities in cultural specific events by sharing information about translation services, CART and sign language services and other accommodations. A work group may also be revisited to address the topic of intersectionality.

NACDD staff will send out a doodle poll for the next meeting in November. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 EST. Meeting notes recorded by Angela Castillo-Epps, NACDD/ITACC Specialist.