

# October 2023 (Virtual) CC SECAC Monthly Meeting Minutes (Draft)

**Attendance via Zoom:** Elise Horne (Chair), Dee Sapp (Co-Chair), Sequaya Tasker (former Chair), Ylanda Hill (Secretary), Dr. Tia McKinnon (Director, CCBOE Special Education) Leigh Faulkler; Dominique McMahon, Chequita Lanier, Kerranne Byrd-Taft, Latonya Tate, Lydia Jackson, Maureen Mears, Meredith Jones; Monique Wynne, Natonya Laeda, Rae Mapson.

**Presenter:** Sequaya Tasker, ARC

## **Agenda:**

- Welcome/Introduction of SECAC board members and Dr. McKinnon (acknowledge special guests)
- - Announcements
- - Open Forum
- - Adjourn

## **Announcements:**

Dr. McKinnon had no announcements to share today.

CCPS hosting an i-Ready parent meeting, data reports are now available in the student portal.

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is hosting a virtual meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, through Zoom

## **Presentation:**

### **Sequaya Tasker, ARC – Transition Planning vs Future Planning**

[Futureplanning.thearc.org](http://Futureplanning.thearc.org)

Will post tools for parents and available resources on FB.

Primary Elements: IDEA (federal law; IEP or 504 Plan)

Include them in the IEP meetings as they get older and can understand.

Preparing your child for life after grade school.

Independent living skills

Connecting with adult services

- Waiver services – support services via DDA up to \$2500 (Life-span coordinator)
- Mental Health
- SSI/SSDI

Future Planning Tool offered via the ARC (website, secured site):

Register and put in your zip code, which will populate and connect you to services based on your location.

The tool will ask a series of questions and connect you based on your answers and needs. The tool will save your information; you can skip sections and return to where you left off.

Financing the Future Options:

- Able Accounts
- Special Needs Trusts

Things to consider:

Money management  
Cleaning/chores  
Time management  
Social skills

Transition Planning is driven/owned by the School System, whereas Future Planning is driven/owned by the Family and service providers.

3 Rules of Effective Planning:

- Future-oriented
- Review annually
- Revise, Revise, Revise

Adult and Child services are available via DDA.

Document your child's interests and preferences.

Sequaya will share the resources in the chat.

Questions: How soon should you register your children for adult support services? As soon as pre-k and kindergarten, if possible. Use the tool for recommendations.

DDA offers LISS; up to \$2000 once per year. Round 2 is open now. Online registration closes on November 30<sup>th</sup>; selections made by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Family Supports Waiver (Cap Waiver) New to MD.

Question: How or what are the criteria for determining eligibility for the SOAR program?

It is managed via the IEP program/team.

There appear to be no kind of standards or guidelines.

There are guidelines, and there is also a decision/determination that is made by the IEP team. It appears to be biased since there is no transparency into how the decisions are made.

**Meeting Chat and Resources shared in the chat:**

<https://futureplanning.thearc.org/>

\$2000 for LISS and round 2 is open now until Nov I believe. Application is like 30seconds

<https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/liss.aspx>

[https://health.maryland.gov/dda/pages/dda\\_family\\_supports\\_waiver.aspx](https://health.maryland.gov/dda/pages/dda_family_supports_waiver.aspx)

[https://www.ccboe.com/about/public-info-media/details/~board/press-releases/post/ccps-hosting-i-ready-parent-meeting-data-reports-now-available-in-student-portal?fbclid=IwAR1d7iU6cSeV86owhd\\_SZGUfeWQlhPou6Go5zxbOd6hY-333c2OQsKJdXi4](https://www.ccboe.com/about/public-info-media/details/~board/press-releases/post/ccps-hosting-i-ready-parent-meeting-data-reports-now-available-in-student-portal?fbclid=IwAR1d7iU6cSeV86owhd_SZGUfeWQlhPou6Go5zxbOd6hY-333c2OQsKJdXi4)

Sequaya Tasker to Everyone 7:22 PM

Parent Resources

Natonyia Laeda to Everyone 7:22 PM  
How do you apply for the Family Supports Waiver?

Sequaya Tasker to Everyone 7:22 PM  
<https://www.washington.edu/doit/programs/accesscollege/employment-office/career-prep/career-preparation-resources-parents-and>  
<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/publications/guideposts-for-success-families/>  
<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/transitionadult/#students>  
<https://www.pacer.org/transition/>  
[Futureplanning.thearc.org](https://futureplanning.thearc.org)

Natonyia Laeda to Everyone 7:22 PM  
Do you call? I don't see a app

Sequaya Tasker to Everyone 7:23 PM  
<https://transitionta.org/>  
<http://www.ncset.org/>  
<https://transitioncoalition.org/>  
<https://ccrs.osepideastthatwork.org/teachers-social-emotional-behavior/secondary-transition>  
<https://centerontransition.org/publications/index.cfm>  
<https://www.thinkwork.org/>

Dee Sapp to Everyone 7:25 PM  
By age 5: To be eligible for MetroAccess, you must be at least 5 years old and have a disability as defined by the ADA, and be unable as a result of your disability to utilize fixed route transportation such as Metrobus or Metrorail or need to use a ramp or wheelchair lift to board or exit a public transit vehicle. For eligibility and other ridership rules, contact WMATA at 202-962-2700, Option #8, <http://www.wmata.com/accessibility/>  
2. By age 13, make certain that there are no financial assets in your child's name in excess of \$2,000.  
3. By age 14, apply for Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) services at <http://dda.dhmf.maryland.gov>  
4. At age 18 apply to both Medical Assistance and SSI (Supplemental Social Security Income). Apply for Supplemental Security through [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) and Medicaid through the Maryland Health Partners. DDA application: <http://dda.dhmf.maryland.gov/SitePages/howtoapply.aspx>

Rae Mapson to Everyone 7:33 PM  
LISS is great my daughter got her special bike through the Random process

SECAC charlescountysecac@gmail.com to Everyone 7:34 PM  
<https://mdtransitions.org/assistive-technology/>

Dee Sapp to Everyone 7:39 PM  
[https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/Medicaid\\_Waiver\\_Programs.aspx](https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/Medicaid_Waiver_Programs.aspx)

Sequaya Tasker to Everyone 7:40 PM  
Youthhood.org is a site where student can explore many considerations related to postsecondary life. It is free and interactive, and can be used in any setting. <http://www.youthhood.org/index.asp>

Career Outlook: This Department of Labor publication is a good source of interesting career information for individuals in the career planning process. <https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/>  
[www.dol.gov/dol/audience/aud-kidsyouth.htm](http://www.dol.gov/dol/audience/aud-kidsyouth.htm) - US Department of Labor for Youth  
<https://www.onetonline.org/> - Occupational Network - O\*NET Online

I'm Determined: Project to promote student self-determination, with a section devoted to parent support. <https://www.imdetermined.org/>

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