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| Name of Organization:Name and Title of Chief Executive: |
| Address:  |
| Phone: | Email: |
| Website and Social Media Links:  |
| What are the mission and values of your organization, and how do they align with the mission and values of the Council? |
| How does your organization impact the community as a whole, and improve the lives of people with disabilities specifically? |
| How many people with disabilities are employed by your organization, and in what capacities (Positions, Roles, Responsibilities)? |
| What geographic area(s) do you serve?  |
| Are there any special populations that you focus on in addition to people with disabilities, and if the answer is “yes,” what are those populations? |
| What can your organization contribute to the Council? |
| Signature:  | Date: |

**Please mail completed form to: PA Developmental Disabilities Council, 2330 Vartan Way, Suite 130, Harrisburg PA 17110 or email to:** **mrouse@pa.gov**

**The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council will select one (1) local and nongovernmental agency and one (1) private nonprofit group** **concerned with services for people with DD.**

**Each organization will appoint a representative who has decision-making authority and is empowered to speak on behalf of the organization.**

**1. The organization may only have one appointed representative sit on the Council at a time.**

**2. The organization is subject to term limits (two consecutive 4-year terms).**

**2. The salary or wages of the representative appointed cannot be paid in any part with Council funds.**

**3. The appointed representative cannot participate in any votes or discussions that involve grants associated with his/her/their appointing organization, including applications for grants.**

**4. The appointed representatives are responsible to attend the quarterly Council meetings.**

**5. The appointed representative, like all Council members, may be asked to sit on or chair specific committees or workgroups.**

**6. The appointed representative, like all Council members, will be required to file an annual financial disclosure form with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

**What is the Federal Definition of Developmental Disability?**

The Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council uses the federal definition of developmental disabilities, as it appears in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000

Public Law 106-402.

(A) In General. -- The term “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that—

(i) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;

(ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22;

(iii) is likely to continue indefinitely;

(iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

 (I) Self-care

 (II) Receptive and expressive language

 (III) Learning

 (IV) Mobility

 (V) Self-direction

 (VI) Capacity for independent living

 (VII) Economic self-sufficiency; and

(v) reflects the individual’s need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

(B) Infants and Young Children. – An individual from birth to age 9, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting 3 or more of the criteria described in clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A) if the individual, without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.