**DIDD Statewide Planning and Policy Council (SPPC)**

**Established pursuant to TCA 33-5-601 & 33-5-602**

The Council shall advise the Commissioner as to plans and policies to be followed in the service systems and the operation of the department programs and facilities, recommend to the general assembly legislation and appropriations for the programs and facilities, advocate for and publicize the recommendations, and publicize generally the situation and needs of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families.

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| **Council Member Seat** | **City** | **Term** |
| Laura Brown  Advocate for Elderly | Nashville, TN | 8-29-2018 to  8-29-2021 |
| Valeria Cobb  Family Member | Hendersonville, TN | 2-12-2020 to  2-12-2023 |
| Teresa Cooper  Other Affected by IDD Issues | Oakland, TN | 5-9-2018 to  5-9-2021 |
| Jennifer Enderson  At-Large Representative  (Appointed by Governor) | Oak Ridge, TN | 11-8-2018 to  10-19-2021 |
| Phil Garner  DIDD Provider | Waynesboro, TN | 2-14-2018 to  2-14-2021 |
| James Gray  Self-Advocate | Oak Ridge, TN | 8-9-2017 to  8-9-2020 |
| Teresa Grimmett  Family Member | Centerville, TN | 5-9-2018 to  5-9-2021 |
| Representative Matthew Hill  TN House of Representatives  (Appointed by Speaker of the House of Representatives) | Jonesborough, TN | 5-6-2018 to  11-3-2020 |
| Sen. Becky Massey  TN Senate  (Appointed by Speaker of the Senate) | Knoxville, TN | 2-8-2019 to  1-12-2021 |
| Scott Maulsby  Family Member | Lebanon, TN | 2-12-2020 to  2-13-2023 |
| Dr. Arie Nettles  Chair/Advocate for Children  (Appointed by Governor) | Nashville, TN | 1-1-2020 to  12-31-2021 |
| Maurice Patton  At-Large Representative | Franklin, TN | 5-13-2020 to  5-13-2023 |
| Melissa Richards  Advocate for Adults | Hermitage, TN | 5-9-2018 to  5-9-2021 |
| Connie Richardson  Family Member | Clarksville, TN | 8-29-2018 to  8-29-2021 |
| Stephenie Rogers  Advocate for Children | Lexington, TN | 8-14-2019 to  8-14-2022 |
| Deniece Thomas  TN Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development | Nashville, TN | 2-12-2020 to  2-12-2023 |
| Dr. Bo Turner  TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services | Nashville, TN | 11-8-2017 to  11-8-2021 |
| Robert Vaughn  Self-Advocate | Columbia, TN | 8-29-2018 to  8-29-2021 |
| Teresa Winnette  TEIS Provider | Shelbyville, TN | 5-13-2020 to  5-13-2023 |

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