

CRP Advisory Committee Meeting - November 19, 2025, 11 am - 12 pm

Key Updates and Discussions:

Authorization Issues: Multiple providers raised concerns about authorization delays, with waiting times ranging from 1-2 weeks to over 3 months. Dr. Bonner and staff addressed these concerns, noting DORS is working to catch up on pending authorizations within approximately 2 weeks for newer requests.

Funding and Government Shutdown Impact: Discussion about how federal funding affects DORS operations (80/20 federal/state split), with concerns about service interruptions if future shutdowns occur. Authorizations received prior to shutdowns would still be paid.

Pre-ETS Services: Clarification that Pre-ETS serves students with disabilities ages 14-21 (not yet 22) who are enrolled in school. Jessica Markum offered technical assistance sessions for Pre-ETS providers.

Work-Based Learning Experiences (WBLE): Questions about W-9s vs. putting students on payroll, with concerns about unemployment payment implications for providers.

Communication Improvements: Providers requested better communication about counselor reassignments and suggested monthly meetings as the primary update method.

Emerging Leaders Program: The later portion included recognition of DORS emerging leaders team members and their contributions.

Contact Information Shared: Multiple staff emails provided including Tamla McDowell-Omodho (tamla.McDowell-Omodho@maryland.gov), Catherine "Kate" Drake (Catherine.drake@maryland.gov), Bill Georg (william.georg@maryland.gov), Jessica Markum (jessica.markum@maryland.gov), and Beth Lash (beth.lash@maryland.gov). for various inquiries.