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Announcing Changes to The By-Laws of the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

The Executive Committee of the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council is recommending that the following changes to the Council's By-Laws be adopted by vote of the Council on March 24, 2022

Text that would be eliminated is ~~struck-out~~. Text that would be added is **highlighted**.

1. SUMMARY: The Council will allow two people to serve as Co-Vice Chairs. The Chair must still be one person.

WHY CHANGE? The Executive Committee thinks this will work best for the Council because the Chair and the Vice Chair have different jobs. The Vice Chair helps the Chair, and having an extra helper is useful. The Chair makes certain decisions; the Executive Committee wants to avoid having a situation where 2 people don't agree and therefore a decision cannot be made.

ARTICLE VI: Officers

Section 1. General.

- A) The Council shall have **at least two officers and no more than three officers elected from its membership: a Chair and a Vice Chair or co-Vice Chairs.** ~~President and Vice President.~~ The **Chair** ~~President~~ shall be either a person with a disability or a family member or guardian of a person with a disability. The Council shall elect its officers subject to confirmation by the Governor
- B) The term of office for each **officer** shall be two years unless the person elected has less than two years of eligibility remaining.
- C) Elections may take place at any meeting provided all members have received at least 14 days warning of the election. The term of office will commence on the first day of the month following the election unless determined otherwise by the Council.
- D) **The office of Vice Chair may be held by two individuals as co-leaders.**

2. SUMMARY: In any place that the By-Laws refer to the “President” or “Vice President” these titles will be replaced by the terms “Chair” and “Vice Chair.”

WHY CHANGE? This aligns with our current practice of calling our officers Chair and Vice Chair.

3. SUMMARY: Article VII, Section 3(A)2(a)iii will be changed to reflect the new name of the Council’s federal partner.

WHY CHANGE: The federal office to which the Council must report changed its name in 2019.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for...

2. STATE PLAN

a. Development, monitoring, and reporting

- (i) Coordinate development of the State Plan.
- (ii) Monitor implementation.
- (iii) Review the Council’s annual progress reports to the **Office of Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**.

The full text of the Council’s By-Laws is linked here:

<https://ddc.vermont.gov/about-us>