

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

IOWA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, Public Law No. 106-402

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Brook Lovelace-Hundling, Executive Director

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Brady Werger, Chair	Waverly	June 30, 2025
Kristen Aller.....	Cedar Rapids.....	June 30, 2024
Alecia Balduf.....	Mason City.....	June 30, 2025
Julie Bergeson.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2024
Emma Bouza.....	Hawarden.....	June 30, 2026
Diane Brenneman.....	Wellman.....	June 30, 2026
Roxanne Cogil.....	Jamaica.....	June 30, 2024
Matthew Conaway.....	Indianola.....	June 30, 2025
Brittney Drinovsky.....	Estherville.....	June 30, 2024
Eric Evans.....	State Center.....	June 30, 2024
Amber Gale.....	Keystone.....	June 30, 2024
Kevin Harris.....	Johnston.....	June 30, 2025
Catherine Hedderich.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2025
Michael Hoenig.....	Davenport.....	June 30, 2025
Hugh Kelly.....	Sigourney.....	June 30, 2025
Joshua Lawrence.....	Mason City.....	June 30, 2026
McLissa Lawson.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2024
Paula Motsinger.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2026
Caitlin Owens.....	Iowa City.....	June 30, 2026
Rob Roozeboom.....	Sheldon.....	June 30, 2025
Steve Steveson.....	Indianola.....	June 30, 2024
George Thompson.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2025
Mike Vratsinas.....	West Des Moines.....	June 30, 2026

The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council is established under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, Public Law No. 106-402, as the state agency responsible for developmental disabilities services. The purpose of the law is to assure that people with developmental disabilities and their families help design and have access to necessary services, supports, and other assistance.

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act mandates that 60 percent of the membership of the council be persons with developmental disabilities or family members of individuals with developmental disabilities. The remainder of the membership consists of representatives of principal state agencies; local and nongovernmental agencies; as well as private, nonprofit groups concerned with the development, administration, and delivery of support and services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Members are appointed by the Governor and serve three-year terms.

The council is required to promote, through systemic change, capacity building, and advocacy, a coordinated system of culturally competent support and services that provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to be independent, productive, integrated, and included in their communities.

The responsibilities of the council include advocating for support and services that enhance the potential for increased independence, productivity, and integration of individuals with developmental disabilities; developing the state plan for the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; administering the federal grant, which is allocated to Iowa from the federal Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities on an annual basis; and submitting an annual report to the commissioner of the federal Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities that summarizes all activities related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa.

The council is located administratively within the Department of Health and Human Services, which is its designated state agency.