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### THE NJCDD WELCOMES ITS NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

In July of this year, after a lengthy vetting and approval process, the Office of NJ Governor Chris Christie granted approval for eight new members to join the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities.

With the addition of these new members, the Council has reached its full state mandate of 30 members. Council membership consists of a 60 percent majority of persons with developmental disabilities or their family members or legal guardians.

The remainder of the Council is made up of federally mandated members, including representatives from the Council's sister agencies – The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center and Disability Rights New Jersey – along with representatives from key state DD agencies; as well as a member of one of the state's private provider agencies.

The Council welcomes our new members, and looks forward to drawing on their experience and dedication to help work towards improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities in New Jersey.

#### **The Council's new members are:**

##### ***Parent or Guardian Members***

Safiyah Muhammad – East Orange, NJ

Alvin Cheslow – Freehold, NJ

Regina Tegeler – Bridgewater, NJ

Christine Pietrow – Maple Shade, NJ

Chayim Kramer – Lakewood, NJ

Tara Montague – Burlington, NJ

Geoffrey Dubrowsky – Brick, NJ

##### ***Public Member***

William Testa – The Arc of Morris County