



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Office for People with Developmental Disabilities' Statewide Comprehensive 5.07 Plan

**PURPOSE:** To examine the planning and implementation process related to the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities' Statewide Comprehensive 5.07 Plan.

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
10:00 am  
Hearing Room B  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248**

The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) plans on releasing a new Statewide Comprehensive Strategic Plan (5.07 Plan) this fall. As required by law, this plan must provide recommendations for statewide priorities, goals to guide comprehensive planning, and resource allocation and evaluation processes for state and local services for people with developmental disabilities.

On April 15th, 2022, OPWDD released a draft 5.07 plan, identifying three major goals for the next 5 years. These goals consisted of: 1) supporting people in the most person-centered ways; 2) strengthening the workforce; and 3) improving service systems across the state. The planning process for the 5.07 plan began in the spring of 2021, when OPWDD launched a planning initiative to help identify OPWDD's strategic goals. This initiative included stakeholder engagement, a public input process, and review of state data and policies. The planning initiative allowed OPWDD to collect comments or suggestions about the proposed draft plan from individuals across the state.

The Committee seeks to have an integral understanding of the development and implementation process utilized by OPWDD for the 5.07 plan. Additionally, the Committee would like to receive feedback and recommendations from relevant stakeholders on the strategic goals identified by OPWDD. The Committee hopes to gain critical insight from witnesses regarding the impact of the 5.07 plan on NYS communities to inform Assembly members of the needs of NYS residents, as well as assess how the State and OPWDD specifically plans to meet their objective goals over the next five years.

Oral testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff no later than **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

Ten (10) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk or may be submitted by email to the contact listed below no later than two days prior to the hearing. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

**Thomas J. Abinanti**  
**Member of Assembly**  
**Chair, Committee on People with Disabilities**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on OPWDD's Statewide Comprehensive 5.07 Plan are requested to complete and return the reply form no later than **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email, or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on OPWDD's Statewide Comprehensive 5.07 Plan to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on People with Disabilities on *Tuesday, September 13th, 2022*.
  
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to three (3) minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide ten (10) copies of my prepared statement to the hearing registration desk or email my statement in advance.
  
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects in relation to the 5.07 Plan:

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- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
  
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- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** \_\_\_\_\_

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