



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee:
Policies for Chairs and Sign-On Documents (DRAFT)**

The CoChairs will poll the Ad Hoc Committee members prior to signing and sending any letters.

It is the policy of the Ad Hoc Committee to express its policy positions through the use of sign-ons for letters, comments, statements for the record, and testimony when possible, feasible and desirable. Sign-on letters demonstrate the breadth of support the position has within the Ad Hoc Committee and within the disability community so they are the preferred method of communicating the Ad Hoc Committee positions to the public.

There are, however a variety of circumstances that require the issuance of policy positions through documents to which only the Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee CoChairs are signators.

The Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee will issue chair documents when the following is applicable:

- There is a short turnaround time and completing a sign on process is not feasible (e.g. requests from the Hill);
- There is an established Ad Hoc position on the issue or CoChairs are certain that there is majority support for the position the CoChairs will be taking in the letter or statement; or
- The Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee discusses the issue at a regular Ad Hoc meeting or through email and determines that a CoChairs letter is the appropriate document.

The Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee CoChairs will make every effort to discuss the issuance of any possible CoChairs letters at the regularly scheduled monthly Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

If such discussion is not possible, the CoChairs will inform the membership of the CoChairs letter via email or through a specially called meeting/phone call, at the discretion of the CoChairs. Every effort will be made to provide the Ad Hoc Committee members an opportunity to review the CoChairs letter prior to its release to the public.

For 2018 the Emergency Management Ad Hoc Committee CoChairs are: Dara Baldwin, National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) and Marcie Roth, The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies

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