

## North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) Report-out for NCATP Grant Advisory Council Meeting

By Philip Woodward

- **Move:** NCCDD moved this week to a new office in the Brendle Center inside the McBryde Building on the Dorothea Dix campus. We have a new physical address and main phone number:  
**Mailing:** 2010 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2010  
**Physical:** 820 South Boylan Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
**Phone Number:** 919-527-6500
- **New Executive Director:** Talley Wells started this past Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> as NCCDD's new Executive Director. He was most recently the Executive Director for the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to that he led the Disability Integration Project at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. He attended Duke University for his undergraduate studies and law school, so he is no stranger to North Carolina.
- **Upcoming Events:** March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, June will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the public VR program, and July 26<sup>th</sup> will mark the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A proclamation request has already been submitted for March, and a team met at DVRS in November to start discussing ideas for celebrating the VR 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the ADA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please let us know if you have any ideas for incorporating NCATP or assistive technology into any of these occasions/celebrations.
- **National ADA Symposium:** The National ADA Symposium will occur in Kansas City on May 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to:  
<http://www.adasymposium.org/>.
- **New Initiatives:** In November 2019, NCCDD released Requests for Applications (RFAs) for *The North Carolina Benefits Demonstration Project* and *Making Alternatives to Guardianship a Reality in North Carolina*, so we expect these to become new initiatives starting later this year.
- **May Meeting:** Keith Greenarch will be glad to hear that NCCDD will host its May quarterly meeting in Winston-Salem on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.