



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

DRAFT Minutes

August 14, 2018

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present:

Renee Allen, Jack Brandt, Tameka Burroughs, Susan Elmore, Stephen Grammer, Lynne McCrobie (on phone), Karen Michalski-Karney, Kathy Roberts, Matthew Shapiro, Ed Turner, Ayn Welleford, Bonita Wright, and Shareen Young Chavez.

Members Absent:

Sandra Cook, Danny Hodges, Beth Hungate, Collin Oliver, and Monica Wiley

Others Present:

Charlotte Arbogast, DARS

John Cimino, VBPD

Chandler Gearhart, aide

Joh Gehlbach, Richmond Association of Realtors

Sanam Hashemi, aide

Catherine Harrison, DARS

Emily Hoyt, DARS

Johnathan Knopf, HDAdvisors

Leah Mills, DARS

Pamela Wilson, aide

Jennifer Woodward, DARS

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Karen Michalski-Karney called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and welcomed two new members Renee Allen and Kathy Roberts. Individuals present and on the phone introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Chairperson Karen Michalski-Karney asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Consideration of Minutes

Jack Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ed Turner, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2017, November 29, 2017, and May 30, 2018 meetings.

Election of New Officers

Chairperson Susan Elmore of the nominating committee presented to the Commission the nominees for Chair and Vice Chair. The nominees were Matthew Shaprio for Chair and Tameka Burroughs for Vice Chair. Ed Turner made a motion, seconded by Shareen Young Chavez, which passed unanimously to approve Matthew Shapiro and Tameka Burroughs for Chair and Vice Chair.

Temporary Action on By-Laws for the New Chair

It is stated in the current By-Laws that the new Chair and Vice Chair terms start October 1st of the election year. Chair Karen Michalski-Karney's and Vice Chair Debe Fults' second terms are ending and the new Chair will need to start his term before October 1st to ensure a smooth transition. The Commission needs to adjust the by-laws to allow this to happen. Jack Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ayn Welleford, which passed unanimously to suspend the by-laws to allow the new Chair's term to start effective immediately.

2018 Assessment of Virginia's Disability Services System: Housing and Transportation

John Cimino, Deputy Director of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, presented to the Commission the issues surrounding housing and transportation for people with disabilities. Issues affecting housing needs are: aging population, aging caregivers, shift from congregate to independent housing options, and affordability issues. Recommendations to help combat these issues are to: expand access to affordable independent living options for people with developmental disabilities in Virginia, enforce Virginia's fair housing laws, adopt state and federal policies and practices that encourage accessible development, and hold violators of accessibility requirements accountable. Issues affecting transportation are lack of funding for public transportation, increased demand for accessible transportation, and transportation systems not being well coordinated. Recommendations to combat these issues are to provide stable long-term funding for public and special needs transportation, improve transportation coordination, ensure that TNCs (transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft) offer accessible transportation, and improve bus stops to make them more accessible.

Connecting Housing and Health in the Williamsburg Region

John Knopf, Senior Associate with the Research and Programs at HDAdvisors, presented to the Commission how housing issues can affect an individual's health. Some housing and health action areas that need to be examined are: improving home safety and accessibility, improving access to retail and services, and making areas walkability. Some strategies that have been established to help with improving housing and health are Albemarle Housing Improvement Program (AHIP) "Safe at Home Campaign," Green and Healthy Homes Initiatives, Senior "Village" Models, and Home-Delivered Groceries Produce Pop-Ups. Home

Remedies symposium was held on July 11, 2018 in Richmond with VCU Health and Bon Secours. The goal is to have smaller symposiums that will help to facilitate more connections, conversations, and actions between housing and health providers across Virginia.

Richmond Senior Housing Study

Joh Gehlbach with Richmond Association of Realtors presented to the Commission data collected from the senior housing study. The study focused on individuals 65 and older and four localities: Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield and the City of Richmond. The study found in many cases the cost of modifications to a person's home is greater buying a new accessible home. The study found that senior adults do not have the financial means to afford an accessible home and are forced to remain in their current, inaccessible home. This emphasizes the need for affordable, accessible housing. The following counties have programs in place to help individuals who need assistance: Henrico has the Housing Rehab Program, Chesterfield has the Home Organization Guide, and Hanover has Accessible Dwelling Units. Virginia also has the Livable Homes Tax Credit.

Action Item: Budget and Legislative Recommendations for the Governor

Commission Code Section

Per the Code of Virginia, the CIAC is currently set to sunset on July 1, 2019. The Commission may want to consider an extension for three years (July 1, 2022) or four years (July 1, 2023). There was discussion about the history of and changes in the Commission and the Community Integration Implementation Team (CIIT). Ed Turner made a motion, seconded by Tameka Burroughs, opposed by Jack Brandt, with Kathy Roberts abstaining, and passed 12-1 to recommend extending the sunset to July 1, 2023. Ed Turner made a motion, seconded by Tameka Burroughs, opposed by Jack Brandt, with Kathy Roberts abstaining, and passed 12-1 to recommend moving the Commission back under the Governor's Office.

2007 Executive Directive

The Executive Directive establishing the CIIT has not been updated since 2007. The CIIT is responsible for developing the Olmstead Strategic Plan. This history of the CIIT was discussed as well as challenges to the work of the CIIT and areas for improvement. Jack Brandt made a motion, second by Shareen Young Chavez, and passed unanimously with Kathy Roberts abstaining, that the Commission form an ad-hoc committee to review the Executive Directive, review roles and responsibilities of the CIAC and CIIT, and identify and offer recommendations around areas for improvement. One suggestion was to produce a survey to see how each agency member on the CIIT values the Commission. Jack Brandt, Ed Turner, Matthew Sharpio, Shareen Young Chavez and Renee Allen agreed to serve on the ad-hoc committee.

Recommendation for the Governor

Chair Matthew Sharpio asked the Commission to review the 2017 letter to the Governor for discussion purposes and to see if there were any recommendations the Commission wanted to make for the 2018 letter (beyond the sunset extension and move to the Governor's Office). The recommendations from the 2017 letter were to expand Medicaid, remove the overtime prohibition/cap on Medicaid consumer-directed services hours, increase funding for Centers

for Independent Living, review the impact of decreased Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title III funding on the Virginia Employment Commission, and merge Extended Employment Services (EES) and Long-Term Employment Support Services (LTESS) funding and tweak the allowable uses for funds. The Commission made recommendations that include: 1) increase renters' assistance of subsidies by five percent; 2) ask for assurance that all state agency websites will be accessible as required by federal law; and 3) increase CIL funding by \$250,000, noting that there are still some areas in the Commonwealth that are not being served. Ed Turner made a motion, second by Shareen Young Chavez, and passed unanimously with Kathy Roberts abstaining, to add these recommendations to the letter to the Governor and that the Chair work with staff to finalize the letter.

Discussion on Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2018. At the November meeting, John Eisenberg from the Virginia Department of Education will be presenting to the Commission on education policy updates. Chair Matthew Shaprio asked the Commission if anyone had any other ideas or suggestions for presentation for the November meeting. Some suggestions for the upcoming November meeting were to have a representative from the Chesterfield Mental Health present, have a representative from the Department of Education present on employment and opportunities for students with disabilities transiting from the secondary level into the community, and have a representative from Project Search present. Charlotte will work with the Chair and coordinate with the agencies to ascertain whether these representatives were available.

New Members Orientation

Chairperson Matthew Shaprio asked the new Commission members if they would like to participate in new member orientation. All new members agreed that they would like to participate in the orientation. Kathy Roberts asked if the orientation could be held on the morning of the November 28, 2018 meeting. Charlotte will schedule a time with the new members for the orientation.

2019 Meeting Dates

The Commission agreed on the following dates for 2019: Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Tuesday, June 4, 2019, Tuesday, August 13, 2019, and Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Other Business

New CIAC board member Kathy Roberts asked if she could change her previous votes from yes to abstain. Matthew Sharpio informed the CIAC that a motion would need to be made by the Commission in order to do that. Shareen Young Chavez made a motion, seconded by Karen Michalski-Karney, and passed unanimously to have Kathy Roberts votes changed to abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.