



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

DRAFT Minutes

August 29, 2017

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present:

Jack Brandt, Tameka Burroughs, Sandra Cook (by phone), Susan Elmore, Debe Fults, Stephen Grammer, Beth Hungate, Lynne McCrobie, Karen Michalski-Karney, Dana Parsons, Matthew Shapiro (by phone), Monica Wiley (by phone), Shareen Young-Chavez

Members Absent:

Danny Hodges, Nathaniel Hvizdos, Joan Manley, Bonnie O'Day, Collin Oliver, Ayn Welleford, Bonita Wright

Others Present:

Lisette Carbajal, DARS

Ed Turner, Consumer

Jennifer Woodward, DARS

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Karen Michalski-Karney called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m... Individuals present and on the phone introduced themselves.

Other Matters

Jack Brandt made a motion and seconded by Lynne McCrobie and passed unanimously to allow Monica Wiley to participate by phone. Susan Elmore made a motion and was seconded by Tameka Burroughs and passed unanimously to allow Matthew Shapiro to participate by phone.

Public Comment

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

Consideration of Minutes

Lynn McCrobie made a motion and was seconded by Ed Turner and was passed unanimously to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2016, March 22, 2017 (with a correction to take Bontia Wright out of members present and put under members absent), and August 2, 2017 meeting minutes.

Olmstead Strategic Plan

Lisette Carbajal reported to the commission that the FY 2016 Olmstead Strategic Plan has been approved by the Community Integration Implementation Team. The plan will be submitted to the Governor by August 31, 2017. The team is looking at restructuring the FY 2018 plan and including more executive summaries. Also the team is looking at highlighting three areas from each agency in the plan. The team will be meeting again on December 7, 2017. The Commission has asked to have a joint meeting with the Community Integration Implementation Team. Lisette will work on this and try to find a date that both members of the Implementation team and the Commission can meet on. Jack Brandt made a motion to move the Commission to the Governor's office and have someone in the Governor's office staff the Commission. Jack decided to table this motion until after the November 29, 2017 Commission meeting. At that time the Commission will know who the next Governor will be and also will be able to do and have research on how to approach this subject. Jack Brandt made a motion and seconded by Ed Turner and passed unanimously that the Implementation team revisit the FY 2018 Olmstead Strategic Plan and develop benchmarks that are based on the areas identified under Executive Order #6.

Budget/Legislative Recommendations to the Governor

The Commission received a recommendation from Robyn Bumgardner that the Commission support a recommendation to the Governor to consider the impact that the proposed reduction in Federal WIOA Title III funds would have on the VEC's ability to provide job seeker services including the impact on VEC services to Virginians with disabilities. A recommendation was received from Maureen Hollowell, that CILs receive funding to implement the services that are required and needed. More people would be able to benefit from these services if independent living funding was available. The Virginia General Assembly, Congress, and the Commission have all acknowledged the need for these services. Other recommendations that were made by the Commission to be sent to the Governor; an exemption process be put in place for personal assistants to work over the 40 hours per week limit. This process would also have already been built in place for situation of inclement weather, etc., and would still allow the consumer to go through an exemption process when needed. This is the third year that this recommendation has been made to the Governor. The Commission comes up with its own benchmarks and the Implementation team helps the Commission meet those benchmarks set. If the Commission cannot meet the benchmarks then the Commission should sunset. DMAS and

other executive agencies look at finding possible funding for rent subsidies. Both the Long Term Employment Supported Services (LTESS) funds and Extended Employment Services funds be merged. All of these funds would be used to support people in competitive employment. The Governor still pursues Medicaid Expansion. Personal assistants are allowed overtime pay and/or an increase in their hourly rate. A motion was made by Lynne McCrobie and seconded by Ed Turner and passed unanimously to approve the recommendations to the Governor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.