



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

DRAFT Minutes

November 29, 2017

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present:

Jack Brandt, Tameka Burroughs, Stephen Grammer (by phone), Beth Hungate, Lynne McCrobie, Karen Michalski-Karney, Matthew Shapiro and Shareen Young-Chavez and Bonita Wright

Members Absent:

Sandra Cook, Susan Elmore, Debe Fults, Danny Hodges, Nathaniel Hvizdos, Joan Manley, Bonnie O'Day, Collin Oliver, Dana Parsons, Ayn Welleford, Monica Wiley and

Others Present:

Dawn Brantley, VDEM
Lisette Carbajal, DARS
Pat Haymes, VDE
Leah Mills, DARS
Ed Turner, Consumer
Jennifer Woodward, DARS

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Karen Michalski-Karney called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m... 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

Due to not having a quorum the minutes from the August 29, 2017 meeting were not approved. The minutes from this meeting will be voted on at the March 20, 2018 meeting.

State Emergency Planning

Dawn Brattley from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management presented to the Commission the current state emergency planning for individuals with disabilities. DEM currently is developing new shelter plans. During emergency DEM will dispatch buses to homes of individuals with disabilities to transport them to the shelter. DEM is looking to have an additional person on the bus to help the individual get all of their personal belongings, medicine, equipment, etc., together because the bus drivers are not allowed to do leave the bus. Also during an emergency individuals will not be separated from their durable equipment, service animals, and care providers and also while at the shelter. DEM recently finished the strategic framework which involves goals and objectives for all shelters. Their main goal is to make all shelters accessible to everyone, every time, and everywhere during an emergency. DEM is currently working with the public school system to make any schools that are used as a shelter during an emergency accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Restraint and Seclusion

Pat Haymes from the Virginia Department of Education presented to the Commission the framework for developing regulations governing the use of seclusion and restraint in public elementary and secondary schools in Virginia. The Department of Education will use the Fifteen Principles in the U.S Department of Education 2012 Restraint and Seclusion: Resource Document as guidance to develop the regulations required by the Code of Virginia. Two provisions were made to the definition of restraint; to protect property and to obtain possession of drugs or a weapon. Actions such as time-out, in-school suspension, detention, etc. are not to be considered seclusion. January 2018 will be the next board meeting. At this meeting the recently revised regulations version will be submitted for approval. If the regulations are approved then they will go back through the APA process, then to the Office of Planning and Budget and Governor's office. DOE hopes that there are no issues with the revised regulations and will go through the approval process smoothly. After the January 2018 board meeting the revised regulations will be up for public comments. The current revised regulations are attached to the March 23, 2017 board meeting.

Olmstead Website Overview

Lisette Carbajal presented to the Commission the revised CIAC website. The website will include a welcome, latest news, history of the Commission, and the 2017 Olmstead Strategic Plan sections. The website will also include meeting dates and minutes from board meetings. The website will also include a section that pertains to information about the Implementation Team. Including the current members of the team, agendas and meeting dates.

Other Business

2018 CIAC Meeting Schedule

Lisette Carbajal presented to the Commission the scheduled CIAC 2018 meeting dates. The dates are: March 20, 2018, May 30, 2018, August 1, 2018 and November 28, 2018. All meetings will be held at Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services central office.

Governor – Elect Ralph Northam Disability Policies

Chairperson Karen Michalski-Karney presented to the Commission the letter that was sent out From Governor – Elect Ralph Northam addressing his agenda to expand opportunities for Virginians with disabilities. Some of the items Governor-Elect Ralph Northam plans to address are to re-establish the Special Advisor to the Governor on Disability. To implement a “Model the Way” initiative and “Jobs First” campaign to decrease unemployment for individuals with disabilities by 20% by 2020. To address and end the current waiting list for the ID/DD waiver. To encourage partnerships with transportation vendors that use GPS tracking technology. Establish a Patient-Centered, Community First that will strengthen Virginia’s standards in patient-centered care for individuals with disabilities. Implementing a state-wide health information exchange system that aims to better coordinate care across the continuum of care providers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.