



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

August 14, 2012

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Department of Rehabilitative Services
8004 Franklin Farms Drive
Richmond, VA 23229**

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present

Charlie Brown, Jack Brandt, John Contreras, Alice Ess, Bill Fuller, Debe Fults, Marie Gerardo, Kelly Hickok, Joan Manley, Lynn McCrobie, Karen Michalski-Karney, Dana Parsons, Heather Tace, Linda Wyatt

Members Absent

Teresa Champion, Collin Oliver, Jack Morgan, Bonita Wright, Joshua Wilson, Larry Little

Others Present

Bruce DeSimone, VHDA
Catherine Harrison, CIAC staff
Nichole Martin, DMAS
Gail Nardi, DSS
Ramona Schaeffer, DMAS

Welcome and Introductions

Linda Wyatt (Chair) called the meeting of the Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC) to order and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

No Public Comment

Consideration of minutes from June 12, 2012 CIAC meeting

Motion made to accept minutes as read from the meeting. Minutes were properly moved and seconded as printed. Minutes approved.

MFP Update

Ramona Schaeffer and Nichole Martin, from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), provided an update on the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program in Virginia. In particular they addressed questions regarding DMAS' response to suggested changes to the MFP program provided by the CIAC. CIAC members raised a number of questions surrounding the data provided and reiterated their concerns regarding the authorization of personal care services and installation of environmental modifications before individuals transition to the community using MFP. It was agreed that CIAC members would pass along particular data items they would like to see collected to Catherine Harrison who would compile the responses and pass along to DMAS.

Update on Ongoing Activities

Catherine Harrison provided a brief update on activities surrounding the Section 811 housing program, the creation of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, the Department of Justice Settlement, and the DMAS duals demonstration.

DSS Report

Gail Nardi from the Department of Social Services (DSS), provided an overview of adult services at DSS and their planned inclusion into the newly created DARS in 2013. Ms. Nardi reviewed statistics regarding APS and the reduction in community support services such as chore and companion care.

Olmstead Strategic Plan

Catherine Harrison presented the most recent draft of the Olmstead Strategic Plan to the Commission. CIAC members provided preliminary feedback but requested additional time to provide comments throughout the next week. Comments received by the Commission are to be presented to the Community Integration Implementation Team (CIIT). It was also suggested that a joint meeting be held with the CIIT early in 2013. The Commission also requested that the Department of Rail and Public Transportation be at the December meeting to discuss the New Freedom Initiative transportation project.

Recommendations to the Governor

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Commission to send the following recommendations to the Governor:

- 1) Fund enough waiver slots to eliminate both the ID and DD waiver wait lists and address additional individuals coming on every year over a period of years;

- 2) Invest proceeds from the sale of the training centers into the Housing Trust Fund to be used specifically to support housing options for individuals with disabilities;
- 3) Cease January 1, 2014, scheduled Medicaid eligibility reduction to 267% SSI for 300% SSI group; and
- 4) Remove CIAC sunset clause.

Other Business

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 4.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.