



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

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July 15, 2013

11:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present:

Jack Brandt, Charlie Brown, Andrea Costanzo, Debe Fults, Marie Gerardo, Kelly Hickok, Larry Little, Joan Manley, Lynn McCrobie, Karen Michalski-Karney, Colin Oliver, Dana Parsons, Bonita Wright, Linda Wyatt

Members Absent:

Teresa Champion, John Contreras, Alice Ess, Bill Fuller, Jack Morgan, Heather Tace, Joshua Wilson

Others Present:

Marcia BuBois, DARS
Catherine Harrison, DARS staff
Alice Coates, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury
Karen Kimsey, DMAS
Gale Pierce Staff Support

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 Comments.

Olmstead Strategic Plan Update

Catherine Harrison provided an Olmstead Strategic Plan update and asked for feedback from the Commission to provide to the Implementation Team. Suggestions from the Commission included:

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- Creation of exceptional rates for services other than residential;
- Improvements to accessing environmental modification (ex: being able to access before an individual transitions from an institution) and receiving personal care prior authorization before an individual transitions need to be added to the short term action items;
- Concerns regarding access to providers, particularly personal attendants, included increasing access to the statewide consumer direction registry;
- Create and distribute a recommended time frame for completion of waiver screenings; and
- Exploring the provision of Medicaid dental services.

Recommendations to the Governor

The Commission approved the revised draft letter to the Governor with changes concerning MFP which includes recommendations to:

- Allow approval of the number of personal care hours an individual will receive in the community before they transition from an institution;
- Permit transition services to cover “first month’s rent”, which is typically required in addition to a deposit when securing rental housing; and
- Authorize and complete community environmental modifications before an individual leaves an institution.

VACIL Nursing Facility Transition Project

Karen Michalski-Karney provided information on recent data gathered from a SILC grant to VACIL. The grant was funded with the intent to provide outreach regarding MFP to residents in nursing facilities around the state as well as ensure that nursing facility staff were informed of the program. Additional data will be available in the future.

Nursing Home Perspective on Section Q and MFP

Alice Coates, from Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury, provided a nursing home perspective on current issues regarding the Section Q process and MFP. She provided background regarding her facility including typical resident mix. In discussing issues she expressed concerned about individuals who wanted to transition to the community but did not qualify for MFP or Medicaid but did not have the financial resources to support that transition.

CIAC MFP Issues and Concerns

A roundtable discussion was held with Karen Kimsey from DMAS, in which Commission members shared their concerns regarding MFP and other transition issues. Issues discussed included:

- Approval of DME
- Allowing transition services to cover first month’s rent
- Environmental modifications
- Role of the LCAs and TCPs

- Respite

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2014 Legislature

The Commission worked on their legislative recommendations to the Governor and approved the following actions:

- Change the composition of the Commission to allow former or current residents of state mental health institutions, training centers, and nursing facilities to serve in the spots currently reserved for residents only of those facilities;
- Fund ID and DD waiver slots in an amount to reduce waiting list in 10 years;
- Support Consumer Services Fund;
- Provide funding to support housing for individuals transitioning from institutions including:
 - \$200,000 GF to create a fund to cover the costs of environmental modifications when a transition does not occur (this would create an “insurance” policy of sorts for contractors who complete modifications to a home before an individual transitions) and
 - Additional funding for the Department of Housing and Community Development’s environmental modifications program for individuals enrolled in MFP who have EM needs beyond the amount covered by Medicaid.

The Commission approved having the Chair send a letter to the Governor conveying these legislative recommendations.

Other Business

Catherine Harrison reminded the Commission that the next Commission meeting would be held on November 20, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 3:40pm