



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

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March 12, 2014

11:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present:

Charlie Brown, Andrea Costanzo, Alice Ess, Debe Fults, Marie Gerardo, Joan Manley, Lynn McCrobie, Dana Parsons, Heather Tace, Bonita Wright, Linda Wyatt

Members Absent:

Jack Brandt, Teresa Champion, John Contreras, Bill Fuller, Kelly Hickok, Larry Little, Karen Michalski-Karney, Jack Morgan, Collin Oliver, Joshua Wilson

Others Present:

Mary Ann Bergeron, VACSB

Connie Cochran, DBHDS

Becky Bowers Lanier

Ali Faruk, DARS

Will Frank, VACSB

Catherine Harrison, DARS Commission staff

Theresa Preda, DARS

Cecily Slasor, DARS

Sim Wimbush, DMAS

Other members of the public

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Linda Wyatt called the meeting to order. Chair welcomed members and guests and asked that they introduce themselves.

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Public Comment

Chair asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Charlie Brown distributed literature on the Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act of 2013. Mr. Brown provided background information on the Act and commented on the importance of fair wages for persons with disabilities.

Alice Ess commented that she disagreed with Mr. Brown's comments. Her family's experience has been a positive one and she is concerned about what opportunities would be available if the federal law passed.

Consideration of Minutes from the November 20, 2013 CIAC meeting

Chair asked for a motion to approve the November minutes. Mr. Brown moved that the minutes be accepted. There was a second. Minutes were approved and accepted.

New CMS Rule on Home and Community Based Services

Sim Wimbush, DMAS

Sim Wimbush from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) provided an overview of the new CMS' rules regarding Medicaid 1915(c) home and community based services waivers. The new rules are designed to provide additional assurances that individuals receiving services under the waiver are truly receiving services in the community in an integrated setting.

Working Lunch

General Assembly Update

Catherine Harrison (DARS) provided the Commission with an overview of legislation of interest from the 2014 General Assembly Session. The Governor's proposed budget and House and Senate budget amendments were briefly discussed since the General Assembly adjourned without a budget but they plan to reconvene on March 24th.

Virginia's Community Services Boards (Presentation)

Mary Ann Bergeron, VACSB

Will Frank, VACSB

Ms. Bergeron provided an overview of Virginia's Community Service Boards (CSB) and their purpose. Types of CSBs and how they operate were explained. Mandated and additional services they provide were reviewed. Background information on various programs from Part C Early Intervention to Discharge Assistance Planning (DAP) was reviewed.

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HSRI Review of the ID, DD, and Day Support Waivers

Connie Cochran, DBHDS

Mr. Cochran discussed current activities surrounding the HSRI waiver study. The first half of the report has been issued and provides a variety of recommendations. The report contains recommendations. However, the Commonwealth would have to choose to act upon any particular recommendation.

By-Laws

Catherine Harrison alerted the Commission that they do not currently have by-laws. All other DARS boards and commission have this additional structure. A draft copy of possible by-laws was circulated and the members were asked to comment. During the discussions it was decided that proxy voting would not be allowed, members should provide notification if they are not able to attend meetings, if members miss more than two meetings without notification the Commission may recommend taking action, and that the term of the Chair shall be two years.

Other Business

-Appointments

All member terms end June 30. Several members are ineligible for reappointment due to having served two consecutive terms.

-2014 Meetings

June 11

August 13

December 2

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.