



## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

### Office of Community Integration

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#### Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

##### DRAFT Minutes

August 3, 2016

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

#### Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

#### **Members Present:**

Jack Brandt, Tameka Burroughs, Sandra Cook, Susan Elmore, Debe Fults, Stephen Grammer, Nathaniel Hvizdos, Beth Hungate, Lynnie McCrobie, Karen Michalski-Karney, Matthew Shapiro, Ayn Welleford

#### **Members Absent:**

John Heath, Danny Hodges, Collin Oliver, Dana Parsons, Ed Turner, Monica Wiley, Bonita Wright, Shareen Young-Chavez

#### **Others Present:**

Catherine Harrison, DARS

Constance Garner, AdvanceCLASS

Dana Hicks, DMAS

Jennifer Woodward, DARS

Ivy Young, DMAS

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Karen Michalski-Karney called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Individuals present and on the phone (Jack Brandt) introduced themselves.

#### **Public Comment**

Chair asked for public comments. Ms. Harrison informed the Commission that a written public comment was sent to the Commission from Sandra and Felicia Hermann. Mss. Hermann's comments were to inform the Commission about the barriers and challenges that persons with disabilities face on a regular daily basis. She also provided the

Commission with information about the events that happened during her daughter's appeal with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) for the accessible concrete patio denied by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). The Commission agreed that this issue should be referred to DBHDS. The Commission would like to have someone from the DBHDS prior authorization department come and speak to the Commission on the steps individuals have to take. The Commission would also like to see the data on the number of appeals, the number of individuals who have had multiple appeals, and the number of individuals who have been denied their appeal relating to waiver services. The CIAC agreed that a letter would be sent to DBHDS and DMAS. The Commission agreed that Sandra and Felicia Hermann should be notified on the Commission's response .

### **Consideration of Minutes**

There were two corrections that need to be made to the minutes of June 1, 2016. Monica Wiley needed to be added to members absent. The last letter in Connie Cochran name was left off under Waiver Redesign Update. Minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

### **Money Follows the Person Update**

Dana Hicks and Ivy Young from the Department of Medical Assistance Services provided an update on the Money Follows the Person. They gave a brief overview of the program. Data was also provided for transitioning time, age, critical issues, individuals who had been transitioned into housing and what waiver the individuals had been transitioned to.

### **Olmstead Strategic Plan**

Catherine Harrison asked the Commission to look over the Olmstead Strategic Plan and asked if there was any information the Commission thought needed to be added or taken out. Some suggestions were to add a column that said which agency was responsible for what item. Other suggestions were to add information in the Strategic Plan about transportation and voting accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Mrs. Harrison asked the Commission that if they had any other recommendations to get them to her by Tuesday August 9, 2016.

### **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**

Constance Garner, from AdvanceCLASS provided a presentation on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. She provided some of the background on the development of the legislation and some of its goals.

### **Election of New Officers**

Lynn McCrobie from the nominating committee presented the nominating committees slate of officers to the Commission with the nomination of Karen Michalski-Karney for Chair and Debe Faults for Vice Chair. The nominating committee also made the suggestion of starting a leadership mentor program for current members who would in the future like to become the Chair or Vice Chair. The nominations were passed unanimously.



**Other Business**

Debe Fults presented to the Commission the issues she is currently seeing with the waiver redesign. Ms. Fults finds that there is not a lack of consistency. She finds that rates of reimbursement from CSBs to private providers are lower now that the CSB will eventually become both the case manager and provider. She is also concerned about the number of individuals now on the DD waiver waitlist that will no longer be eligible for services. The Commission approved contacting the Governor's office or Secretary's office to see set up a meeting with the CIAC chair and staff to discuss waiver implementation issues.

Nathaniel Havizdos presented to the Commission a brief overview about how beneficial it would be to individuals who are currently receiving SSI to get a supplement each month.

Catherine Harrison informed the Commission that Secretary Hazel had written a response to the letter the Commission had written to Governor McAuliffe. The letter from the Commission was in regards to the 40 hour per week limit the General Assembly placed on personal assistants working with a consumer directed employer.

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2016 at DARS central office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM