



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (CIAC)

**June 18, 2013
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

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

MINUTES

Members Present:

Jack Brandt, Charlie Brown, Teresa Champion, John Contreras, Alice Ess, Debe Fults, Marie Gerardo, Larry Little, Joan Manley, Lynn McCrobie, Karen Michalski-Karney, Collin Oliver, Dana Parsons, Heather Tace, Bonita Wright, Linda Wyatt

Members Absent:

Andrea Costanzo, Bill Fuller, Jack Morgan, Joshua Wilson, Kelly Hickok

Others Present:

**Bruce DeSimone, VHDA
Catherine Harrison, DARS
David Hominik, DARS
Barry Merchant, VDHA
Theresa Preda, DARS
Gale Pierce, DARS**

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. The motion was approved

to allow Teresa Champion and John Contreras to join the meeting via conference call as allowed under FOIA.

No Public Comment

Minutes from the April 12, 2013 CIAC meeting were approved.

Office of Civil Rights Complaint

Catherine Harrison provided a brief overview of the recent complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia concerning the use of Virginia's auxiliary grant program in congregate only settings. David Hominik reviewed the OCR complaint process and facts and figures regarding the office.

Joint Subcommittee to Consult on the Plan to Close State Training Centers

Catherine Harrison reviewed comments on the draft letter to the Governor regarding the Joint Subcommittee. In particular, the letter included the Commission's desire that funding for community-based services be retained for that purpose and not be diverted to keep open state training centers. Motions were made and the letter was approved as written to send to the Governor.

Other Items of Interest

Staff provided a brief overview of current activities involving Money Follows the Person (MFP), Section Q, the recent report of the DOJ independent reviewer, and Commonwealth Coordinated Care. Commission members discussed ongoing issues surrounding MFP with a motion being made, seconded, and approved to send a letter to the Governor to address prior authorization of personal care under the EDCD waiver and the inability to use transition dollars to cover "first month's rent", a common one-time expense for apartment leases.

Housing Priorities Discussion

Staff reviewed the rough draft of and Commission member suggested changes to the housing priority guidelines created from the April 12, 2013 meeting discussion.

Barry Merchant from VHDA provided background on the current housing landscape and criteria VHDA currently employs.

Joan Manley suggested changes and made the following motion to the draft guidelines:

- Separate the third bullet into two separate bullets that read:
 - *Housing that is funded should include universal design and accessibility features.*
 - *Housing should build upon resources available in the community such as proximity to public transportation or other services that enhance community living options.*

Ms. Manley's motion was duly seconded and approved by the Commission. A motion was made and seconded to approve the guidelines as amended by Ms. Manley and by others who submitted comments before the meeting. The amended guidelines were approved by the Commission.

**Joint Meeting of the Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC) and the
Community Integration Implementation Team (CIIT)**

CIAC Attendees: Jack Brandt, Charlie Brown, Teresa Champion, John Contreras, Alice Ess, Debe Fults, Marie Gerardo, Joan Manley, Karen Michalski-Karney, Collin Oliver, Dana Parsons, Heather Tace, Bonita Wright, Linda Wyatt

CIIT Attendees: Donna Bonessi, Robyn Bumgardner, Bruce DeSimone, Catherine Harrison, Shea Hollifield, Maureen Hollowell, Brandi Jancaitis, Marta Keane, Heidi Lawyer, Nichole Martin, Barry Merchant, Kathy Miller, Marianne Moore, Theresa Preda, Lee Price, Jane Ward-Solomon

Agency Updates Regarding Progress on the Olmstead Strategic Plan

At the request of the CIAC, the following state agencies provided updates as to how their agency is working on targeted goals, objectives, and tasks contained in the Olmstead Strategic Plan:

- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Virginia Board for People with Disabilities
- Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
 - Community Based Services Division
 - Division of Rehabilitative Services
 - Virginia Division for the Aging
- Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired
- Department of Education
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Virginia Housing Development Authority

Although not in attendance the Department of Rail and Public Transportation did send an update of recent activities and upcoming community meetings. The Department for Professional and Occupational Regulation also supplied a list of recent fair housing training seminars conducted around the state.

Other Business

Catherine Harrison reminded Commission members that they must complete the mandatory disclosure statements and sign up for electronic payment for reimbursable expenses. A reminder was given regarding upcoming 2013 meetings as follows:

- July 15 CIAC
- July 18 CIIT
- November 14 CIIT
- November 20 CIAC

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm