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Public Hearing Minutes
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Arc of Virginia
2147 Staples Mill Road
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The public hearing on the Emergency Regulations for Early Intervention (Part C) was convened at 1:00 PM by Karen Durst.

There were three commenters, Megan Sullivan Kirby of Powhatan, Virginia; Bernita Sykes of Richmond, Virginia; and Leigh Martinez of Glen Allen, Virginia.

Ms. Kirby's comments were:

1. Regarding 12 VAC 35-225-430, B.2. and 12 VAC 35-225-430, C.1.- Speaking on behalf of the Virginia Association of Behavior Analysis (VABA), support was expressed for the inclusion of licensed Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Analysts as providers within the Part C System, and the addition of empirically-supported applied behavior analysis (ABA) as a best practice within existing Part C Early Intervention developmental programming, as necessary to support children with disabilities and their families to improve overall quality of life and developmental outcomes.

Ms. Sykes' comments were:

1. Regarding 12 VAC 35-225-430, B.2 and 12 VAC 35-225-430, C.1.- Recognition and support for the change adding Applied Behavior Analysts and Assistants as developmental specialists.

Ms. Martinez's comments were:

1. Regarding 12 VAC 35-225-430, B.2. and 12 VAC 35-225-430, C.1.- Support was expressed for including children less than three years of age to receive services from Applied Behavior Analysts.

The public hearing was adjourned at 4:00 PM.