



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Advisory Commission (CIAC)

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Minutes

December 4, 2012

11:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Department of Rehabilitative Services

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Richmond, VA 23229

Members Present:

Charlie Brown, Jack Brandt, Teresa Champion, John Contreras, Debe Fults, Marie Gerardo, Joan Manley, Lynn McCrobie, Jack Morgan, Linda Wyatt, Larry Little, Heather Trace, Karen Michalsky-Karney, Bonita Wright, Andrea Costanzo, Bill Fuller, Kelly Hickok

Others Present:

Heidi Dix, DBHDS

Keith Hare, OSHHR

Catherine Harrison, DARS staff

Karen Kimsey, DMAS

John Mahooney, DRPT

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. Minutes from the August 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

Comment:

Debe Fults attended an event in Germania Community College: Schools represented were from the local area and the presence of two from higher education. Ms. Fults' concern is that none of these representatives of the school systems knew or heard of the Employment First Initiative.

Discussion; who is accountable and what is the best way to make sure that this information is filtered down into the schools.

Housing Trust Fund
Keith Hare, OSSHR

Deputy Secretary Keith Hare engaged the Commission seeking their input into activities involving the DOJ settlement. In addition, he discussed the Commission's recommendation to the Governor involving the sale of state training centers and the placement of those funds in the Housing Trust Fund. He explained that currently the Code requires proceeds from the sale of the training centers to be used to cover services and workforce transition act costs, ensuring that the funds are used to support individuals in the community. Mr. Hare asked for members to express any feedback they received from the community:

Questions arose about the creation of one waiver from the ID and DD waivers. A consultant is being hired to review the waivers. An RFP will be issued. A discussion was also had about waiver rates for individuals with exceptional needs

DOJ Settlement and ID/DD Waivers Update
Heidi Dix, DBHDS

Ms. Dix provided an update on the DOJ settlement and activities to date. Initiatives such as the START program, case management, Employment First, and housing were discussed. Information was also provided on transitions to date.

Medicaid/Medicare Duals Project
Karen Kinsey, DMAS

Ms. Kinsey presented on the duals integration project at Medicaid which seeks to leverage the funding streams of Medicare and Medicaid for individuals who qualify for both programs. Virginia's program will use a capitated model and has a target start date of January 1, 2014. Most regions of the state will be covered with the exception of Southwest Virginia/

Department of Rail and Public Transportation New Freedom Initiative
John Mahoney, DRPT

Mr. Mahoney discussed various transportation programs in the state including the New Freedom Initiative. Concerns were raised by Commission members that transportation projects at the local level may not be maximizing their use of dollars. There were stories of individuals who were eligible for Medicaid funded medical transportation using other transportation dollars that could have been used for someone else or for transportation to work, social events, shopping, etc.

MFP Update
Catherine Harrison, DARS

Ms. Harrison apprised the group of new data regarding MFP provided by DMAS as well as activities involving the provision of environmental modifications. The Commission had previously asked DMAS to remedy the issue of environmental modifications not being available to an individual transitioning from an institution until they are out of the institution. DMAS is looking into providing environmental modifications as a demonstration service. As such the service could be provided before an individual leaves an institution. They are still waiting for further guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

CIIT Report

Catherine Harrison, DARS

Ms. Harrison updated the Commission on the work of the Community Integration Implementation Team (CIIT). The CIIT met the previous week and began to outline action steps to take in 2013. Some of the topics of discussion included, screenings of children, Section Q, and Section 811 housing.

Ms. Harrison also provide a handout that included legislation proposed by the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Disability Commission that was related to the Strategic Plan.

Other Business

Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Harrison spoke before the Disability Commission earlier in the year. Meeting dates for 2013 were distributed. With all meetings being held at the DARS central office.

Meeting adjourn 3:30pm