



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Office of Community Integration

Community Integration Implementation Team Meeting

December 6, 2011

Virginia Department for the Aging

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Bill Fuller(VHDA), Shea Hollifield (DHCD), Jane Ward-Solomon (DBVI), Robyn Bumgardner (VEC), Courtney Tierney (Prince Wm. County AAA), Lee Price (DBHDS), Maureen Hollowell (VACIL), Rhonda Jeter (SILC), Janet Areson (VML), Liz Hayes (DPOR), Jessica Ruder (DVS) Bruce DeSimone (NHDA), George Braunstein (VACSB), Gail Nardi (DSS), Alexis Thronton-Crump (VDOT), Pat Cummin (VDA) (in place of Kathy Miller), Terry Smith (DMAS), Jane Ward-Solomon (DBVI), Heidi Dix (DBHDS), Theresa Preda (DRS), Catherine Harrison (DRS)

Others: Kristin Burhop (OSHR), Linda Wyatt (Chair, CIAC), Jim Rothrock (DRS)

Staff: Gale Pierce (DRS)

Members Absent:

Kelly Harris-Braxton (VFC), Steven Combs (DVS), Leslie Hutcheson-Prince (VDDHH), Gary Krapf (SCHEV), Dean Lynch (VACO), Verdia Haywood (Fairfax County), Neil Sherman (DRPT), Kathy Miller (VDA), Margaret Walsh (DBHDS)

Call to Order and Introductions

Catherine Harrison facilitated the meeting, calling the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and introductions were made by each member. Motion was made by Courtney Tierney and seconded by Jane Ward Solomon to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2011 Team meeting.

Role of the Implementation Team

Catherine Harrison gave an overview of the role of the Implementation Team:

- Its relationship to and with the Advisory Commission.
- The importance of Olmstead and Virginia's obligation
- The charge of the Executive Directive 6 to agencies to annually update the strategic plan (August 31) for community integration of Virginians with disabilities
- The goals of the strategic plan
- The role and the purpose of the Advisory Commission

Moving Forward/ Process Improvement Discussion

Catherine Harrison opened the floor to each team member for discussion on past issues:

- A joint Advisory Commission/ Implementation Team meeting once yearly
- Regular attendance is critical by same person
- Funding for programs
- Scope and lack of focus
- What is the end goal?
- Improve working relationship with the Advisory Commission
- Redo Strategic Plan in its entirety
- Confusion as to which group does what

Strategic Plan

A lengthy discussion on the status of the current Strategic Plan and the need to rewrite the document occurred. The Implementation Team indicated that the plan is outdated and cumbersome. The focus of the new plan should be on housing, support services and employment/social integration into the community. Terry Smith made a motion to approve the current plan as an interim document with an amendment to redo the plan in 2012; second by Theresa Preda.

Department of Justice Update

Kristin Burhop updated the Team, stating that the agreement is not yet resolved but is about 90% complete. They hope to finalize the agreement in the next couple of weeks. Once the settlement agreement is in place an operational plan will be put in place.

DBHDS Community Integration Efforts

(Heidi Dix, Assistant Commissioner DBHDS)

- \$30 million trust fund was created by the General Assembly to transition individuals from training centers into the community.
- 60 individuals to transition into community from SVTC and CVTC by June 30, 2012
- \$3000 start-up funding for residential service providers
- \$1000 for day support providers

New State Agency (Commissioner Jim Rothrock, DRS)

Commissioner Rothrock talked about the new Agency which will be more efficient and effective. The new agency will include all functions of DRS, VDDHH, and VDA by July 2012. In 2013 adult protective services and adult services from DSS will be integrated. Legislation is in process. Monetary savings are not anticipated but administrative efficiencies and better service provision are expected.

Next meeting date:

The next meeting date for the Implementation Team will be determined after meeting with the Advisory Commission.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.