



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Business Meeting

Monday July 16, 2007 5 – 7 PM

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Attendees:	Paul Choquette (Chair); John MacDonald (Vice Chair); Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Dr. Judith Drew; Binyamin Efreom; R. Timothy Flynn; Sanford Lupovitz; Dr. Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Ronald McMinn; Bill Nieranowski; James Pitassi; Arthur Plitt; & Patricia Ryherd;	
Excused:	Frederick Burke; Rosemary Carmody; Regina Connor; Joseph Corrente; Lisa McKay; Dr. Orestes Monteracy; Karen O'Connell-Lyons; Lorna Ricci; Rev. Gerard Sabourin & Lou Salerno	
----- Minutes -----		
Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Paul Choquette, Chairperson	5 min.
<p>Introductions: Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. The Chair on behalf of the Commissioners and staff present to thank you gifts to Nicholas Capobianco and John Desautel upon their retirement.</p>		
<p>MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented RMcM/JB Passed Unanimously</p>		
Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Government Reorganization – Strategy for Addressing Budget Article 3 SECTION 11	Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary	45 min.
<p>“SECTION 11. The general assembly hereby requires the governor to submit, as part of his FY 2009 budget, necessary legislation to create a department of advocacy, with an effective date of no sooner than July 1, 2008, and no later than January 1, 2009.</p> <p>The governor shall consult with the child advocate, mental health advocate, commission on deaf and hard of hearing, development disabilities council, and the commission on disabilities in developing the department.</p> <p>The department shall include the child advocate, mental health advocate, commission on deaf and hard of hearing, developmental disabilities council, and the commission on disabilities.</p> <p>The governor with advice and consent of the senate shall appoint the child advocate and the mental health advocate, as detailed in existing statutes. All agencies combined into this new department shall maintain existing duties as set forth in current law.</p> <p>The department shall consolidate communications, and overhead expenditures.”</p>		
<p>The Executive Committee recommends the Commission send to the Governor the attached draft “Creation of the Department of Advocacy: Recommendations for Governor Donald L. Carcieri”.</p>		
<p>MOTION: To make the following corrections to the draft “Creation of the</p>		

Department of Advocacy: Recommendations for Governor Donald L. Carcieri”

Report, as presented:

1. the letter of transmittal by changing the:
 - a. 1st paragraph 1st sentence to read as follows “On behalf of your Commission on Disabilities, I am requesting a meeting to discuss your plans for the creation of the Department of Advocacy, and the role you envision ~~of~~ the Commission playing within that department.”
 - b. 2nd paragraph last sentence to read as follows “But we don’t want to fill those 2 vacancies and/or convert the contract employee, without knowing what additional skills we will ~~in~~ need to be most effective in the Department of Advocacy.”
 - c. 3rd paragraph 1st sentence to read as follows “The Commission has been reviewing its mission and operations over the last 9 months and was preparing its strategic plan w~~hen~~ith the General Assembly enacted Budget Article 03 Relating to Government Reorganization Section 11 the Department of Advocacy.”
2. on page 1
 - a. line 3 by deleting “creati0n” and inserting instead “creation”;
 - b. line 6 to read as follows “The employees’ job status at the time of their transfers w~~as~~ith retained.”
 - c. line 20 by deleting the extra space between the words “Boards” and “that”;
 - d. line 33 by deleting the word “that”;
3. on page 2 line 23 by inserting a space between the “-” and the word “Rules”
4. on page 3 by inserting numeration at the beginning of :
 - a. line 10 “(b)”
 - b. line 11 “(c)”
 - c. line 12 “(1)” and
 - d. line 13 “(2)”
5. on page 3 line 42 & 42 by changing the 1st sentence to read as follows “Currently 5 of the 6 coordination boards receive staff support from one of the departments they are supposed~~d~~ to coordinate.”
6. on page 12
 - a. line 27 by changing the 1st sentence to begin as follows “The tables bellows;”
 - b. line 42 to read as follows “Fund for ~~F~~those grants ~~are being~~ is expected to be reduced over the next several years.”
7. on page 13 by changing lines 9 & 10 to read as follows “No additional responsibilities could be added by the creation of the Department of Advocacy, without additional personnel services.”
8. on page 10 replace M. Secretary Of State’s Website – Status of Membership, Public Meeting Notices and Minutes Table with the following:

Name of Boa	Statute	Last Appointments	Last Notice of Meeting	Last Minutes Filed
Interagency Transition Council	16-24-18	10/12/1999	<u>No Listing</u>	<u>No Listing</u>
Interagency Coordinating Council	23-13-23	6/4/2007	7/29/2004	None <u>Filed</u>

Name of Boa	Statute	Last Appointments	Last Notice of Meeting	Last Minutes Filed
Long-Term Care Coordinating Council	23-17.3	4/13/2005	6/13/2007	4/11/2007
Interagency Coordinating Council on Environmental Lead	23-24.6-6	1/12/1996	None Filed	None Filed
Permanent Advisory Commission on Traumatic Brain Injuries	42-12-19	2/17/2006	No Listing	No Listing
Governor's Paratransit Task Force	EO 06-09	1/23/2007	No Listing	No Listing
Citizens' Commission for the Safety and Care of the Elderly	12-1.4	3/19/1998	9/1/2006	None Filed
Home and Community Care Advisory Committee	42-66.3-8	No Members Listed	7/27/2006	7/27/2006
Hearing Impairments Testing Advisory Committee	23-13-13	No Listing	No Listing	No Listing
Birth Defects Surveillance & Information System Advisory Council	23-13.3-4	No Listing	8/12/2004	9/30/2004
Stroke Task Force	23-78-2	No Listing	No Listing	No Listing
Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan Program Committee	39-23, 39-1-42	1/19/2007	No Listing	No Listing
Advisory Council on the Blind	40-9-3	7/25/2005	6/11/2007	6/11/2007
RI Council on Assistive Technology	US P.L. 105-394	No Listing	No Listing	No Listing
Statewide Independent Living Council	US P.L. 102-569 & EO 1993-23	6/27/2007	6/22/2007	6/22/2007
State Rehabilitation Advisory Council	US P.L. 102-569 & EO 1993-24	6/28/2007	6/12/2007	5/8/2007
Governor's Committee on Mental Retardation	40.1-8	1/1/1999*	No Listing	No Listing
Governor's Council on Behavioral Health	40.1-29-5	3/1/2007	6/14/2007	4/12/2007

JD/SB Passed Unanimously

The Executive Committee will meet in a week to make style and drafting changes prior to the report being transmitted to the Governor, as a letter, 2 page listing of points for him to consider and a technical appendix of details. The Commissioners reviewed the 5 issues in the draft report and discussed which to include as presented, revise or delete.

MOTION: To retain in the report issue # 1 the current responsibilities of the Commission
RMcM/AP Passed Unanimously

MOTION: To retain in the report issue # 2 the centralizing the boards that coordinate multi-departmental disability related services/policies RMcM/AP passed unanimously

MOTION: To retain in the report issue # 3 the support service needs of disability related advisory and state plan review committees, revised page 6 lines 6 – 9 to read as follows
“Should ~~the Governor's Commission on Disabilities or the Office of Health & Human Services provide~~ support services [be provided from the Department of Advocacy or an other entity](#) to ensure uniform advice to volunteers and state officials who are members of a state government board or commission on compliance with the open meetings, public records, ethics and other state laws?” RMcM/AP passed unanimously

MOTION: To replace in the report issue # 4 with “[Transferring responsibility for providing technical assistance and enforcement of the Equal Rights to Blind and Deaf Persons to Public Facilities Act from the Commission on Human Rights to the Commission on Disabilities](#)” RMcM/AP passed unanimously

MOTION: To retain in the report issue # 5 the centralizing all purchasing preference programs at the Division of Purchasing. PR/BE

MOTION: To move the previous question BE/JMacD; Motion prevails Yes = SB, SL, PR, JB, AP, KMCCB, BE. No = TF, JD, RMcM, BN. Abstained =

Previous Question Prevails Yes = SB, PR, AP, BE, SL, JB, KMCC-B No = JD, BN,

Name of Boar	Statute	Last Appointments	Last Notice of Meeting	Last Minutes Filed
RMcM Abstained = JMacD, TF				
<p>MOTION: Add to the Commission's Letter of Transmittal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed reorganization was too narrowly drawn leaving out most of the state government's advocacy agencies; there are over 22 disability related advocacy boards. 2. A great many of these boards include representatives from state government agencies. There hasn't been a comprehensive review of these boards to ensure the most efficient use of our most valuable resource – volunteers' and state employees' time. This is the time to determine the most effective organizational structure of these boards. 3. There are legal conflicts arising from the inclusion of the 3 legal advocate / law enforcement agencies; child advocate, mental health advocate and commission on disabilities under the same department head. 4. Consolidation as proposed in Article 3 Section 11 will not result in savings and may not be the most effective solution, other organizational support structures should be considered. <p>AP/SF Passed Unanimously</p>				
2. Commission Future Personnel Needs	John J. MacDonald, Vice Chairperson		30 min.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Future Staffing needs will be predicated on the Commission's future mission.</p> <p>Discussion: The Commission's FY 08 FTE Cap is 5.6 state employees and 1 contract employee. The Executive Committee asked the staff and commissioners to respond to 4 questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is public awareness through ABLE TOO... cable TV effective, should it be replaced with multi media - web cast, or higher quality cable TV or other media but only a few per year, rather than the 24 ABLE TOO... programs currently produced annually 2. Should ABLE TOO... or Web cast based program be contracted to a college or university video department? 3. Should ABLE TOO... production be linked to ADA Employment? Would it fit better in ADA Services? 4. Should Disability Business Enterprises be linked to ADA Services? Would it fit better in ADA Employment? <p>The Executive Committee recommends the Commission consider replacing Able Too with multi media - web cast, or higher quality cable TV or other media but only a few per year, rather than the 24 ABLE TOO.</p> <p>The Executive Committee recommends the Disability Business Enterprise program, remain linked (for the purpose of staff assignments) with ADA Services.</p>				
<p>MOTION: To replace Able Too with multi media - web cast, or higher quality cable TV or other media but only a few per year, rather than the 24 ABLE TOO as Communications and Media (contracted) Service, when the current ABLE TOO... producer's contract expires December 31, 2007. PR/BE Passed Unanimously.</p>				
<p>MOTION: To Create an Ad Hoc Committee on Communication Strategies and give advice and consent to the appointment of Kate McCarthy-Barnett as chair and Patricia</p>				

Proposed Revision of Commission Job Descriptions:

TITLE OF GROUP OF CLASSES: **ASSISTANT ADA COORDINATOR**

TITLE OF CLASSES IN GROUP: **ASSISTANT ADA COORDINATOR (ACCESSIBILITY)**
ASSISTANT ADA COORDINATOR (EMPLOYMENT)
ASSISTANT ADA COORDINATOR (SERVICES)

Class Code: 0725500
Pay Grade: 824A
EO: B

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform responsible by providing information, referral, technical assistance and public relations in "the area of specialization" under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and to do related work as required

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of the Executive Secretary and State ADA Coordinator from whom work assignments are received; latitude is allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in applying appropriate methods and techniques; work is reviewed usually upon completion for conformance to directions and results obtained

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervises and coordinates the work of college student fellows/interns engaged in providing information and referral assistance to the public

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

In the area of specialization indicated in the title of class of position:

To provide technical assistance to businesses, government, and non-profit agencies on rights of persons with disabilities

To conduct customized training on the rights of persons with disabilities

To provide information to individuals with disabilities and their families on their human rights

To coordinate a disability discrimination complaint/mediation service

To represent the Commission on regional and state boards

To testify on behalf of the Commission before local, state, regional, and federal agencies

To perform responsible work in a continuous informational and public relations program for the Commission

To select, assemble, organize and otherwise compile and prepare informational data and material for use of a departmental or agency official to publicize the effectiveness of the Commission programs

To train and supervise college interns/fellows

To do related work as required

The areas of specialization's responsibilities are managing the Commission's programs relating to

Accessibility: federal and state accessibility codes and standards, including but not limited to Americans with Disabilities, Department of Justice Polling Place Guidelines, RI Public Buildings – Access for People with Disabilities Act, & RI Open Meetings – Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities Act.

Employment: federal and state fair employment regulations including but not limited to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Americans with Disabilities Regulations and RI Fair Employment Practices Acts

Services: Federal and state public accommodations regulations including but not limited to Department of Justice's Americans with Disabilities regulations and RI Civil Rights of People With Disabilities Act, and

RI Disability Business Enterprises Law, RIGL Chapter 37-2.2

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:

A thorough knowledge of federal and state disability rights laws and regulations, etc.; the ability to interpret and apply regulations and specifications; the ability to instruct and train; the ability to mediate

problems related to consumer complaint and investigations; the ability to maintain documentation of on-site reviews and compose written reports; and related capacities and abilities and the ability to apply such knowledge as it relates to the area of specialization indicated by the title of the class of position
The ability to conduct on-site reviews for all activities/projects under the jurisdiction of the Commission in order to determine compliance and to make recommendations to effect compliance
The ability to effectively make oral and written presentation to civic, business or other groups
The ability to utilize information technology

Knowledge, skills and capacities in the area of specialization indicated in the title of class of position:

Accessibility: Knowledge of the principles and practices of state building code regulations, laws, etc., in addition to a thorough knowledge of federal and state accessibility codes, regulations, and specifications; the ability to interpret construction plans and specifications

Employment: Knowledge of the principles and policies of non-discriminatory personnel and fair employment practices

Services: Knowledge of the principles and policies of non-discriminatory customer services; small / minority business, non-profit and government agency services and practices

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education and experience in the area of specialization indicated in the title of class of position:

Accessibility:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from high school or a technical vocational school and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment as a building code inspection official or in a position involving the inspection of building construction, materials, accessibility or compliance

Employment:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree or certification in human services; human resource, rehabilitation counseling, or related field

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a position, which involved responsibility for organization and development of civil rights and/or human resource training program

Services:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a Bachelor's Degree or certification in human services; business administration; finance; customer services or related field

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a position, which involved responsibility for organization and development of civil rights and/or customer services training program and/or business development

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience

CLASS TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

Class Code: 00414400
Pay Grade: 805A
EO: F

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform responsible work providing information to the public with questions and concerns about programs and services.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of the Executive Secretary

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervisors and coordinates the work of college student fellows and interns engaged in providing information and referral assistance to the public.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To assist the general public as well as people with disabilities, their families, with questions and concerns about programs and services, including help to understand and deal with issues such as education, food stamps, heating assistance, home modification, housing, Medicaid, Medicare, pharmacy assistance, Social Security, Supplemental security income, temporary disability insurance, transportation, vocational training, and many other programs and services.

To answer telephones, determine the nature and need of the callers and refer to appropriate staff-person or other agency or prepare and mail an informational packet

To make follow-up phone calls to determine specific need and brief appropriate staff-person

To call Commissioners and committee members prior to meetings to determine attendance

To reproduce and mail material to Commissioners and Committee members in advance of Commission and Committee meetings

To provide staff support to committees (prepare minutes and mailings at the direction of the Executive Secretary) and

To perform simple clerical work and operate office equipment

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: Successful completion of college level courses in psychology, communications, or related field

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: Several years employment in health care, human services, rehabilitation or other occupation with extensive contact with people with disabilities

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience

Class Code: 02504100

Pay Grade: 32A
EO: E

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To plan, direct and administer the services and functions of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities; to develop effective liaison and cooperative relationships with other agencies for the effective presentation of the Commission's activities; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the administrative direction of the Commission and its Chairperson, with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative; work is subject to review for effectiveness and compliance with Commission policies.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, directs, supervises and reviews the work of a professional, technical and clerical staff and interns; coordinates the work of volunteers.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

As Secretary to the Commission:

- Keep the minutes of all and committee meetings, distribute those minutes at least one (1) week prior to the next meeting, and record the actions taken at each meeting
- Notify the members of their meetings
- Call the meetings to order and preside in the absence of the chairperson and vice-chairperson
- Conduct correspondence as directed by the commission or its committees
- Read important correspondence
- Assist in setting the agenda for Commission meetings and Executive Committee meetings

As the Commission's Executive Officer:

- Arrange for support services to all committees and volunteer units
- Implement the orders and resolutions of the commission and its committees
- Provide the commission and committees with options and advice on matters pending before them
- Supervise all staff
- Execute all vouchers, invoices, requisitions, and other fiscal documents in accord with the budget approved by the commission
- Execute all personnel documents as directed by the commission
- Serve as the Commission's Rules Coordinator and Records Custodian
- Prepare the annual report and all committee reports
- Prepare the annual agency budget and other fiscal reports
- Develop and maintain personnel policies and procedures, organization development, staff utilization and employee / volunteer appraisal system for the agency

As the Commission's lobbyist/publicist:

- Monitor all state and federal legislation, either proposed or enacted, affecting directly or indirectly people with disabilities
- Analyze and interpret legislation and to prepare and present reports detailing the projected impact of such legislation on individuals with disabilities
- Prepare and present position documents on proposed legislation to executive and legislative committees
- Represent the Commission to individuals and organizations in the community with and interest in Commission's legislation and directives
- Serve as liaison with elected officials on matters concerning the Commission's programs
- Oversee the initiation, planning, coordination, supervision and review of a continuous informational, educational and community relations program including a:
 - Producing of the weekly cable TV program
 - Writing or editing and adapting news releases, articles, stories, radio and feature materials for use of local newspaper, radio and TV stations and advertising agencies
 - Identifying short and long range human service delivery needs to formulate viable responses to those needs
 - Planning and directing research studies and surveys concerned with the compilation, analysis and interpretation of statistics and data relating to programs serving people with disabilities
 - Making oral presentations on behalf of the Commission before business, labor, civic, professional, parent, and disability groups and conduct seminars/conferences
 - Publishing reports relating to people with disabilities
 - Do related work as required

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:

A thorough knowledge of state and relevant federal and local laws and regulations and the ability to interpret and apply such laws and regulations and the ability to interpret and apply such laws and regulations to insure the protection of individuals with disabilities;

the ability to plan, organize and administer research studies, surveys and investigations as well as education programs and services;
the ability to work with the state legislature in preparing written and oral testimony involving legislation and to testify before state departments and federal agencies on disability rights under the law;
the ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the business community, governmental groups and agencies, disability consumer organizations and their representatives, educational institutions and staff, community organizations, local governments and the general public; and related capacities and abilities

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: possession of a Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation, Education, Social Work, Public Administration, or Communications

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a responsible administrative and supervisory position in a private or public advocacy, research, or human service agency

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience

Class Created: April 18, 1993

Editorial Review: 3/15/03

CLASS TITLE: STATE ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) COORDINATOR¹

Class Code

Pay Grade 829A

EO: G

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To plan, direct and administer the services and functions of the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities’ public awareness, technical assistance, and compliance activities related to the rights of individuals with disabilities and to do related work as required

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the administrative direction of the Commission, its Chairperson, and Executive Secretary with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative; work is subject to review for effectiveness and compliance with Commission policies

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, directs, supervises and reviews the work of a professional, technical and clerical staff and interns; coordinates the work of volunteers

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To assist in the development of the state’s master plan for all construction designed to provide accessibility for individuals with disabilities to state owned or leased buildings

To identify short and long range human service delivery needs to formulate viable responses to those needs.

To plan and direct research studies and surveys concerned with the compilation, analysis and interpretation of statistics and data relating to programs serving people with disabilities

To make oral presentations on behalf of the Commission before business, labor, civic, professional, parent, and disability groups and conduct seminars/conferences

To supervise and manage the Commission’s disability rights compliance activities including

- the review and approval of Open Meeting Accessibility Transition Plans, in accordance with RIGL 42-46-13
- the review and approval of Public Building Accessibility Waivers to Leased or Rented Facilities in accordance with RIGL 37-8-15.1
- the coordination of compliance by State Agencies with State and Federal Laws protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities, in accordance with RIGL 42-51-6 (c)

¹ No change in pay grade or salary

- the Grievance procedures regarding complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of disability by a state agency, in accordance with RIGL 42-51-6 (c)
- the initiation of complaints against state agencies to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities, in accordance with RIGL 42-51-6 (a) & (c)
- the development of transition plans for the removal of environmental and communication barriers at state owned facilities, in accordance with RIGL 42-51-6 (c)

To do related work as required

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of state and relevant federal and state laws and regulations and the ability to interpret and apply such laws and regulations and the ability to interpret and apply such laws and regulations to insure the protection of individuals with disabilities; the ability to plan, organize and administer surveys and investigations as well as education programs and services; the ability to testify before state departments and federal agencies on disability rights under the law; the ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the business community, governmental groups and agencies, disability consumer organizations and their representatives, educational institutions and staff, community organizations, local governments and the general public; and related capacities and abilities

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a Bachelor’s Degree or certification in human services; business administration; management; architectural; building code official or related field

Experience: Such as may have been gained through employment in a responsible administrative and supervisory position in a business, government or non-profit agency

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience

Class Created:

<p>MOTION: To adopt all the revised job descriptions as presented AP/BE Passed Unanimously</p>
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3. FY 2008 Budget Allocation of Funds

Bob Cooper

15 min.

Discussion:

Employees Work Load for FY 2007		Polling Access	Equal Access to Elections	Election Training	Information to Voters	HAVA TOTAL	ADA Technical Assistance	ADA State match	Disability Compliance	Promote Work	Disability Business	50th Anniversary Celebration	Advocacy & Awareness	Administrative	Totals for the Year
Bob	Actual	-	-	2.00	36.10	38.10		2.00	2.00	6.00	16.00		496.90	1,397.00	1,958.00
	%					2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	25%	71%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	-	-	-	159	159.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	608	760	1,527
	%				10.5%	10.5%							40.0%	50.0%	100.5%
Chris B	Actual				-	-	572.00				774.50	382.50			1,729
	%						33%	0%	0%	0%	45%	22%	0%	0%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	-	-	-	-	-	788	-	-	-	875	88	-	-	1,750
	%						45%				50%	5%			100.0%
Chris R	Actual	-	-	1.00	382.00	383.00	449.50	160.50	3.00	261.00	42.00		264.00	132.0	1,695
	%					23%	27%	9%	0%	15%	2%	0%	16%	8%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	-	-	-	-	-	362	378	-	823	-	-	-	82	1,645
	%						22.0%	23%		50%				5%	100.0%
Harvey	Actual	18.00	7.00	3.00	6.00	34.00	-	1,171.50	132.00	7.00	9.00		-	79.00	1,433
	%					2%		82%	9%	0%	1%	0%	0%	6%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	79	-	-	-	79.45	-	953	318	-	-	-	-	238	1,589
	%	5.0%				5.0%		60.0%	20.0%					15.0%	100.0%
John	Actual	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,035.00	291.00	-	47.00		-	54.00	1,427
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0%		73%	20%	0%	3%	0%	0%	4%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	532	911	-	-	-	-	76	1,519
	%							35.0%	60.0%					5.0%	100.0%
Nick	Actual	680.00	-	-	35.00	715.00	-	626.50	-	-	-		-	-	1,342
	%					53%		47%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	380	-	-	-	379.75	-	987	152	-	-	-	-	-	1,519
	%	25%				25.0%		65.0%	10.0%						100.0%
Terry	Actual	-	-	-	-	-	-	720.00	-	-	-		41.50	-	762
	%					0%		95%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	100.0%
Plan	hrs/yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	805	-	-	-	-	161	-	966
	%							50%					10%		60.0%
Actual Total		698.00	7.00	6.00	459.10	1,170.10	1,021.50	3,715.50	428.00	274.00	888.50	382.50	802.40	1,662.00	10,344.50
Total Plan		459.20	-	-	159.50	618.70	1,149.40	3,655.75	1,381.10	822.50	875.00	87.50	768.60	1,156.05	10,514.60

General Revenue Commission Operating Account Budget Category	Management	Public Awareness & Advocacy	Disability Business Enterprise	Promoting Work & Work Incentives	Disability Rights Compliance	Disability Rights Technical Assistance	Election Assistance	Total GCD Operations Account
Administrative Aide	\$0	\$16,737	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,785		\$33,522
Annual hours	-	485	-	-	-	485		970
%	0%	30%	0%	0%	0%	30%		60%
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Services)	\$0	\$0	\$31,024	\$0	\$0	\$31,024		\$62,049
6 to 10 week transition	-	-	763	-	-	763		1,526
%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%		100%
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Accessibility)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,512	\$31,024	\$15,512	\$62,049
6 to 10 week transition	-	-	-	-	382	763	382	1,526
%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	50%	25%	100%
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Employment)	\$0	\$14,326	\$0	\$21,489	\$0	\$35,815		\$71,630
Annual hours	\$0	\$330	\$0	\$496	\$0	\$826		\$1,652
%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1		\$1
Executive Secretary	\$80,228	\$26,743	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$106,971
Annual hours	1,145	382	-	-	-	-	-	1,526
%	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Special Projects (State ADA) Coordinator	\$11,160	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,319	\$78,118	\$0	\$111,597
Annual hours	160	-	-	-	319	1,117	-	1,596
%	10%	0%	0%	0%	20%	70%	0%	100%
Full Time Equivalent Staffing (w/ Smart Staffing)	0.85	0.85	1.20	0.30	0.45	2.50	0.25	6.40
Average staff Hours/Week	30	30	42	11	16	88	9	224
Annual Hours FY 08	1,304	1,197	763	496	701	3,954	382	8,796
ADA Maintenance of Effort = 3,600 annual staff hours, projected balance						736		
Fellowship Hours		480	120	120		-		20
Consultant, Staff & Fellow hrs	1,304	2,111	1,113	631	817	3,954	382	10,311

General Revenue Commission Operating Account Budget Category	Management	Public Awareness & Advocacy	Disability Business Enterprise	Promoting Work & Work Incentives	Disability Rights Compliance	Disability Rights Technical Assistance	Election Assistance	Total GCD Operations Account
Salary/Wages and Other Compensation	\$69,986	\$37,848	\$18,286	\$14,777	\$23,504	\$120,660	\$9,143	\$294,204
Employee Benefit Programs	\$37,658	\$19,958	\$12,738	\$6,712	\$14,327	\$72,107	\$6,369	\$169,869
Contracted Professional Services	\$5,052	\$17,900	\$8,587	\$1,745	\$8,880	\$0	\$0	\$42,164
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$9,733	\$2,296	\$136	\$165	\$1,232	\$0	\$0	\$13,560
Assistance and Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$1,881	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,881
Total	\$124,309	\$78,001	\$39,747	\$23,399	\$47,943	\$192,766	\$15,512	\$521,678
Contracted Professional Services								
DBE Coordinator		\$774	\$5,417					\$6,191
1st Quarter hours		25	178					230 hrs
%		10%	70%					80%
Custodial	\$5,052							\$5,052
Annual Amount		252 hrs						252 hrs
Trainers			\$600	\$600				\$1,200
Info. Tech Services		\$6,750	\$1,838					\$8,588
Annual Amount		143 hrs	37 hrs					180 hrs
Design & Surveys					\$8,680			\$8,680
Annual Amount	12 months				112 hrs			112 hrs
Interpreters Service \$		\$200	\$600	\$600	\$200			\$1,600
Annual Amount		4 hrs	12 hrs	12 hrs	4 hrs			32 hrs
Stenographic Service		\$123						\$123
Annual Amount		10 hrs						10 hrs
Communications & Media		\$9,261						\$9,261
ABLE TOO... Production		\$792	\$132	\$545				\$1,469
July – Dec. '07		6 shows	1 show	2 shows				9 shows

Funding Source	General Revenue	RI Capital Program	Restricted Receipts	Federal Funds		Includes Table Above
Budget Category	Mary Brennan Fellowship	Accessibility Renovations	Technical Assistance	ADA Grant	HAVA Grant	Grand Total
Salary/Wages and Other Compensation				\$0	\$0	\$294,204
Employee Benefit Programs				\$0	\$0	\$169,869
Contracted Professional Services			\$2,244	\$20,159	\$14,367	\$78,934
Operating Supplies and Expenses			\$5,672	\$3,981	\$1,667	\$24,881
Assistance and Grants	\$10,350		\$7,294	\$2,588	\$60,000	\$80,232
Capital Purchases and Equipment		\$200,000		\$0	\$0	\$201,881
Total	\$10,350	\$200,000	\$15,210	\$26,728	\$76,034	\$850,001
Contracted Professional Services						
DBE Coordinator				\$1,548		\$7,739
1 st Quarter hours				51		254
%				20%		100%
Trainers				\$1,800		\$3,000
Info. Tech Services				\$6,055	\$3,750	\$40,288
Annual Amount				126 hrs	70 hrs	376 hrs
Design & Surveys Services				\$8,680	\$11,900	\$16,660
Annual Amount				112 hrs	350 hrs	490 hrs
Interpreters Service				\$400	\$600	\$2,600
Annual Amount				8 hrs	12 hrs	52 hrs
Real-Time Captioning			\$1,980			\$1,980
Annual Amount			12 hrs			12 hrs
ABLE TOO... Production			\$264	\$1,652	\$413	\$3,798
July – Dec. '07			2 shows	2 shows	1 show	12 shows
MOTION: To allocate the Commission's FY 2008 Budget as proposed JMacD/BE Passed Unanimously						
MOTION: To request authorization from the Budget Officer to increase the Smart Contract DBE Position's hours to full time during the 1st quarter. JMacD/BE Passed Unanimously						

Questions on Reports (mailed with the agenda)		20 min.
No questions on reports		
1. FY 2009 – 2013 Accessibility Renovations Capitol Budget Request	Binyamin Efreom, Accessibility Committee Chair & Harvey Salvas, State ADA Chair.	10 min.
MOTION: To Adopt the FY 2009 – 2013 Accessibility Renovations Capitol Budget Request, as presented JMacD/TF Passed Unanimously		
Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Paul Choquette, Chairperson	5 min.
The Executive Committee will meet on Monday July 23 rd @ 4 PM to make style and drafting revisions to the Commission’s concerns regarding the creation of a Department of Advocacy.		
The Annual Meeting will be:	Wednesday September 5, 2007	Starting at 5 PM
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM	
Resource persons:	Bob Cooper, Secretary; Harvey Salvas, Christine Botts, & Christine Rancourt (GCD)	

Other Information

Name of the Activity: Disability Business Enterprise Committee

Submitted by: Christine Botts

Prepared on: 6/27/07

1. Describe the project's activities that took place during this time period.

1. Coordinated DBE training, “Creating a Vision and Roadmap for your Business.” Wendy Hanson, a corporate trainer with Corley Hanson & Associates was the keynote speaker. Fifteen people attended the training. There was a follow up conference call 3 wks after the training.
2. DBE Show for ABLE TOO- Prepared and hosted a show for ABLE TOO featuring three successful Disability Businesses – Homestead Gardens, Better Shred, and A New Leaf. The program was filmed on location at each business.
3. Recertified Vision Dynamics as a DBE for another year.
4. Assisted The James L. Maher Center located in Newport, in bidding and winning a three year laundry contract with URI.
5. Assisted Better Shred on bidding and winning a shredding contract with CCRI.
6. Assisted Better Shred on bidding and winning a Master Price Agreement (MPA) for Shredding Confidential Documents.
7. Worked as a grant reviewer for the Workforce Development training Grants.
8. Monitored Pilot Recycling Project with the Department of Elderly Affairs and the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities. Prepared and submitted a project summary report to the Department of Administration, Purchasing, RI Resource Recovery and others.
9. Contacted Pete Soucy (DEM) regarding DBE participation in the state run Farmer’s Market. The locations of the markets are: Capitol Hill, Providence and Pastore Complex, Cranston.

Possible DBE Vendors: Homestead Gardens, Cookie Place, Pandora’s Products, Fogarty Center, Zane Sherman, and A new Leaf Florist

Please explain any difficulties or problems encountered with the project since the last report.

- a. Will these difficulties impact on the attainment of the project’s original goals?
- b. What options are available to:
 - i. put the project back on track, and
 - ii. Avoid such difficulties in the future?

2. Please discuss planned project activities for the next reporting period.

Extend the Pilot Recycling Contract for an additional three months.

Continue to assist the DBE’s in bidding on state contracts.

Market the DBE program to the state agency buyers.

Act as a liaison between DEM and the DBE's for the Farmer's Market
Plan new trainings for the DBE's.
Update and print new DBE brochure.

Name of the Activity: Election Assistance

Submitted by: Rory Carmody

Prepared on: 6/27/07

1. Describe the project's activities that took place during this time period.

Grants for cities towns to improve voter accessibility at polls.

Oddly, few response – but Westerly looking for a LULU to accommodate people accessing Town Hall

That project still pending/in development.

Development of poll worker video, outreach to broad disability base to complete

Videographer from Dunkin Donut Ctr. On loan to professionally do video

2. Please explain any difficulties or problems encountered with the project since the last report.

Follow though on some of the projects.

a. Will these difficulties impact on the attainment of the project's original goals?

No

What options are available to:

i. put the project back on track, and

ii. avoid such difficulties in the future?

Part of the difficulties do with coordinating schedules of people needed to complete project.

Some of which is unavoidable when dealing with different agencies, departments, community person(s)
etc.

3. Please discuss planned project activities for the next reporting period.

Completion of projects

Preview of video

Name of the Activity: GCD 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Submitted by: Paul Choquette

Prepared on: June 27, 2007

1. Describe the project's activities that took place during this time period.

The final, major event for the 50th Anniversary was an Adapted Sports and Recreation EXPO that took place on May 12, 2007. This event was a joint effort between state agencies, private not-for-profit entities and a large RI Based Corporation.

Access2Adventure and the National Disability Sports Alliance provided programming for the event, the Department of Health provided monetary and logistical support for the event, City Year provided volunteer support, and CVS through the CVS Charity Trust All Kids Can program provided a grant to fund the event.

The event was a great success, it was held in and around the Field House at RI College and many sports and recreational opportunities were available for attendees to try. A partial listing of the events follows:

- *Wheelchair Basketball*
- *Seated Bocce Ball*
- *Handcycling*
- *SCUBA Diving*
- *Rock Climbing*
- *Kayaking*

*Over 75 participants attended over the course of the day and engaged in multiple activities. A2A and NDSA reported that they were very successful in recruiting individuals **for the programs that they run on a yearlong basis and both groups were very satisfied with the outcome.***

2. Please explain any difficulties or problems encountered with the project since the last report.

Some of the logistical work in planning this event was difficult to accomplish due to a lack of staff availability to provide support. Also the Chair of the Committee could not take part in much of the pre-event planning due to a medical issue. However another Commissioner stepped up and took over the reins of this event. Also the lack of State funding, which resulted from a decision the Commission made in terms of 50th Anniversary activities caused some minor problems, but the Grant from CVS made up for the shortfall.

b. Will these difficulties impact on the attainment of the project's original goals?

All subsequent 50th Anniversary activities have been cancelled due to lack of funding and staff support, which is all tied to the overall budget issues that we are dealing with.

c. What options are available to:

i. put the project back on track, and

ii. avoid such difficulties in the future?

N/A due to the fact that all future activities have been cancelled

3. Please discuss planned project activities for the next reporting period.

There are no Activities planned for the 50th Anniversary.

Name of the Activity: Legislation Committee

Submitted by: Bob Cooper

Prepared on: July 6, 2007

1. Describe the project's activities that took place during this time period.

Commission Supported these bills - 13

Effective without Governor's signature

07 H-5371 Sub B AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS Sponsor: Rep. Coderre Identical to S 0553 Public Law 2007 Chapter -163

Effective without Governor's signature: 1

Transmitted to Governor

07 S-0553 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS Sponsor: Sen. Walaska Identical to H 5371

07 S-0142 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS
Sponsor: Sen. Ciccone

Transmitted to Governor: 2

Passed, held on Senate Desk

07 S-0086 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Sponsor: Sen. Blais Identical to H 5191

Passed, held on desk: 1

Hearing Continued

07 H-5290 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sponsor: Rep. Mumford Identical to S 0330 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-5313 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM Sponsor: Rep. Ginait Identical to S0597 House Finance Committee

07 H-5613 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE Sponsor: Rep. Naughton House Finance Committee

07 S-0266 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
Sponsor: Sen. Levesque House Municipal Government Committee

Continued: 4

In Committee, Never Had a Hearing

07 S-0127 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT Sponsor: Sen. Ciccone Senate Finance Committee

07 S-0128 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY
Sponsor: Sen. Blais Senate Finance Committee

07 H-5191 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
Sponsor: Rep. McNamara Identical to S 0086 House Finance Committee

07 S-0597 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM Sponsor: Sen. Sosnowski Identical to H 5313 Senate Finance Committee

07 S-0330 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL Sponsor: Sen. Lenihan Identical to H 5290 House Judiciary Committee

In Committee: 5

Commission Opposed this bill unless its amended - 1

Signed by Governor

07 H-6187 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PHARMACEUTICALS
Sponsor: Rep. Mumford Sub A identical of Art. 17 Sub A. Public Law 2007 Chapter -230

Signed by Governor: 1

Legislation Committee found these bills Beneficial- 24

Signed by Governor

07 H-5770 Sub B AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT Sponsor: Rep. Singleton Identical to S 0442 Public Law 2007 Chapter -084

07 S-0253 Sub B as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM Sponsor: Sen. Perry Identical to H 6278 Public Law 2007 Chapter -128

07 S-0442 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT Sponsor: Sen. June M. Gibbs Identical to H 5770 Public Law 2007 Chapter -209
07 H-6278 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM Sponsor: Rep. Sullivan Identical to S 253 Public Law 2007 Chapter -
07 S-0186 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY Sponsor: Sen. Raptakis Public Law 2007 Chapter -241
07 S-0923 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION Sponsor: Sen. Paiva-Weed Similar to H 6279 Public Law 2007 Chapter -237
07 S-1016 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MATCHING PUBLIC FUNDS Sponsor: Sen. Walaska Identical to H 5969 Public Law 2007 Chapter -235
07 H-5969 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MATCHING PUBLIC FUNDS Sponsor: Rep. Handy Identical to S 1016 Public Law 2007 Chapter -223
07 H-6279 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION Sponsor: Rep. Mumford, Similar to S 923 Public Law 2007 Chapter -229

Signed by Governor: 9

Effective without Governor's signature

07 H-5200 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES Sponsor: Rep. Giannini Identical to S 0062 Public Law 2007 Chapter -035

Effective without Governor's signature: 1

Vetoed by Governor

07 S-1060 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY Sponsor: Sen. Connors Identical to H 6471 Senate Desk
07 H-6471 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY Sponsor: Rep. Pacheco Identical to S 1060 House Desk

Vetoed by Governor: 2

Transmitted to Governor

07 S-0455 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES Sponsor: Sen. Perry Governor's Office

Transmitted to Governor: 1

Hearing Continued

07 H-5178 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS Sponsor: Rep. Lewiss House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee
07 H-5203 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY Sponsor: Rep. Lally Identical to S 0193 House Finance Committee
07 H-5738 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE Sponsor: Rep. Ajello Identical to S 0325 House Corporations Committee
07 S-0325 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE Sponsor: Sen. Perry Identical to H 5738 Senate Health and Human Services Committee
07 H-5509 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PROTECTION ACT Sponsor: Rep. Segal Identical to S 0484 House Judiciary Committee
07 H-6366 AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT Sponsor: Rep. Slater Identical to S 949 House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

Continued: 6

In Committee, Never Had a Hearing

07 S-0062 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES Sponsor: Sen. Ciccone Identical to H 5200 Senate Health and Human Services Committee
07 S-0949 AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT Sponsor: Sen. Gibbs Identical to H 6366 Senate Judiciary Committee
07 S-0484 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT Sponsor: Sen. Metts Identical to H 5509 Senate Judiciary Committee
07 H-5294 AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION Sponsor: Rep. Almeida Senate Judiciary Committee
07 S-0193 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY Sponsor: Sen. McCaffrey Identical to H 5203 House Finance Committee

In Committee: 5

Legislation Committee found these bills Harmful - 17

Resolution Adopted

07 H-5500 Sub B JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A

COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF MANDATES ON RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Sponsor: Rep. Church Identical to S 0361 Joint Resolution 2007 -

Resolution Adopted: 1

Transmitted to Governor

07 S-0361 Sub A as Amended JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF MANDATES ON RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Sponsor: Sen. Tassoni Identical to H 5500 Governor's Office

Transmitted to Governor: 1

Recommend No Passage

07 H-5649 AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM
Sponsor: Rep. Picard Related to H 5887, & H 6026, S 0037, & S 0036 House Desk

07 H-6026 AN ACT TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM Sponsor: Rep. Gorham Related to H 5887, H 5649, S 0036 & S 0037 House Desk

Recommended No Passage: 2

In Committee, Never Heard

07 S-0036 AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM
Sponsor: Sen. Cote Related to S 0037, H 5887, H 5649, & H 6026 Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee
07 S-0037 JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM)

Sponsor: Sen. Cote Related to H 5887, H 5649, & H 6026 & S 0036 Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

07 S-0088 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE
Sponsor: Sen. Blais Identical to H 5553 Senate Health and Human Services Committee

07 H-5857 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES -- HANDICAPPED ACCESS Sponsor: Rep. Ucci House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

06 H-6070 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS
Sponsor: Rep. Dennigan Identical to S 341 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-6076 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS
Sponsor: Rep. Dennigan House Judiciary Committee

07 H-5242 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS
Sponsor: Rep. Rose Similar to H 5451 & H 5662 Senate Judiciary Committee

In Committee: 7

Hearing Continued

07 H-5553 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MANDATED BENEFITS REVIEW ACT
Sponsor: Rep. Mernard Identical to S 0088 House Corporations Committee

07 H-5887 AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM
Sponsor: Rep. Gorham Related to H 5649, H 6026, S 0036 & S 0037 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-5662 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - - MANDATES
Sponsor: Rep. Corvese Similar to H 5242 & H 5451 House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

07 S-0225 JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE AFFECTS OF UNFUNDED MANDATES ON THE EDUCATION AND FINANCING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Sponsor: Sen. Raptakis Similar to S 361 & H 5500 Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

07 S-0341 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS
Sponsor: Sen. Lenihan Identical to H 6070 Senate Judiciary Committee

07 H-5451 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS
Sponsor: Rep. Loughlin Similar to H 5242 & H 5662 House Finance Committee

Continued: 6

Legislation Committee found these bills Beneficial if amended- 5

In Committee

07 S-0572 AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM
Sponsor: Sen. Pichardo Identical to H 5723 Senate Finance Committee

07 H-5723 AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM
Sponsor: Rep. Fox Identical to S 0572 House Finance Committee

In Committee: 2

Continued

07 H-5140 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES
Sponsor: Rep. Naughton House Finance Committee

07 H-5350 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER SCREENING

Sponsor: Rep. Naughton Identical to S 0166 House Finance Committee
07 H-0166 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER ACT

Sponsor: Sen. Pichardo Identical to H 5350 Senate Finance Committee

Continued: 3

Legislation Committee found these Budget Articles Harmful unless amended- 4

Effective Notwithstanding the Governor's Veto

07 H-5300 Art. 03 NEW Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Sponsor: House Finance Committee Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

07 H-5300 Art. 06 Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE FY 2007 Sponsor: Rep. Watson Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

07 H-5300 Art. 14 NEW Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM Sponsor: House Finance Cmte Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

07 H-5300 Art. 17 Sub A AN ARTICLE RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PHARMACEUTICALS

Sponsor: Rep. Watson Identical to H 6187 Sub A. Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

Effective Notwithstanding

The Commission Position: Neutral now that these have been amended - 2

Signed by Governor

07 H-5267 Sub B AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DISABLED VETERANS

Sponsor: Rep. Carter Identical to S-0307 Public Law 2007 Chapter -135

07 S-0307 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DISABLED VETERANS

Sponsor: Sen. Felag Identical to H 5267 Public Law 2007 Chapter -214

Total of GCD Bills Neutral now that it has been amended - Signed by Governor: 2

2. Please explain any difficulties or problems encountered with the project since the last report.

An attack of "sponsoritis" derailed the Tort Liability Bills and the Accessory Family Dwelling Bill, during the final nights of the session. The home modification bond issue, health care professional training loan repayment bills, school playground safety and medical assistance income eligibility parity bills were all victims of the state's fiscal situation.

3. Please discuss planned project activities for the next reporting period.

A week of public forums are scheduled for Monday July 23rd – Friday July 27th to hear what the community feels are the issues to be addressed.

Name of the Activity: Policy Strategic Housing Planning Committee

Submitted by: Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Ed.D.

Prepared on: July 2, 2007

1. Describe the project's activities that took place during this time period.

The Five Year Strategic Housing Plan 2006-2010 is a planning document required by the "Comprehensive Housing Production and Rehabilitation Act of 2004." The Five Year Strategic Housing Plan is the result of a collaborative effort by the state's key housing agencies and housing interest groups. The Housing Resources Commission submitted the first annual "Report on the Status of Implementation of the Comprehensive Housing Production and Rehabilitation Act of 2004 (R.I.G.L. 45-53)." The report summarizes the efforts of cities and towns to comply with the act according to their municipal affordable housing plans. A copy of the report can be found at:

<http://www.hrc.ri.gov/index.php>

2. Please explain any difficulties or problems encountered with the project since the last report.

No problems or difficulties have been reported.

3. Please discuss planned project activities for the next reporting period.

The Commission will follow-up with the Housing Resources Commission to determine future roles/responsibilities since the strategic plan has been completed.

Name of the Activity: National Organization on Disability

Submitted by: Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Ed.D.

Prepared on: July 2, 2007

1. Describe the project's activities that took place during this time period.

The National Organization on Disability (N.O.D) continues to promote the full and equal participation and contribution of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. The 2006 NOD Annual Report is now available on the NOD web site (<http://www.nod.org/>). The report, which commemorates NOD's 25th anniversary, includes a special section chronicling the main events and achievements in NOD's quarter century history.

The N.O.D initiatives included the following programs:

Community Partnership Program - Helping mayors and their communities to become disability-friendly

Accessible America Award - Recognizing America's most disability-friendly communities

National Partnership Program - Partnering with major organizations to carry out disability programs

CEO Council - Recognizing CEOs and companies committed to the employment of people with disabilities

Emergency Preparedness Initiative - Ensuring inclusion of disability issues in preparedness planning

N.O.D./Harris Surveys - Gathering benchmark data on state of disability in America

Religion and Disability Program - Encouraging faith communities to remove barriers to full religious participation

World Committee on Disability - Strengthening the U.N. World Program of Action Concerning Disabled Persons

FDR International Disability Award - Recognizing nations' progress toward expanding disability participation

Start on Success - Providing paid internships to high school students with disabilities

FDR Wheelchair Statue Campaign - Celebrating FDR's source of strength: his disability

2. Please explain any difficulties or problems encountered with the project since the last report.

No problems or difficulties have been reported.

3. Please discuss planned project activities for the next reporting period.

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