



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Annual Meeting Minutes

Monday September 13, 2010 5:00 – 7:00 PM
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	<p>Attendees: R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson; Cristina Amedeo; Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Fred Burke; Rory Carmody; Julie DeRosa; Judi Drew, Ph.D.; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Roger Harris; Laura Jones; James Pitassi, Jr.; Arthur Plitt; Patricia Ryherd; Theresa Thoelke</p> <p>Absent: Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Ed.D., Vice Chairperson; William Inlow; Katherine Lowe; Ronald McMinn; Lisa McKay; Gerard Sabourin; & Nancy Thomas; & Linda Ward</p> <p>Staff: Bob Cooper & Stephanie Behie</p>
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	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
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 <small>Clock graphic</small>	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Timothy Flynn, Chairperson	5:00
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Chair calls the meeting to order at 5 PM
Introductions of Commissioners and guests

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented AP/JB passed, SB abstained.

- An annual meeting of the commission shall be held yearly in September to:
- a) Adopt the operational plan of the commission including the establishment or retention of committees, in addition to those established by law or these General Operating Rules, and volunteer units;
 - b) Allocate resources, adopt a supplemental budget request for the current fiscal year and set fee and complementary gift schedules;
 - c) Adopt a budget request following fiscal year;
 - d) Elect the vice chairperson; and
 - e) Give advice and consent to the Chairperson's appointments of committee chairpersons and members and liaisons to other boards.

Action Items:

 <small>Award graphic</small>	Commission's 2009 & 2010 General Assembly Sessions John E. Fogarty & Joseph Vanni Awards	Linda Ward, Chair Legislation Committee	5: 10
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Purpose/Goal: To decide which legislators should receive the John E. Fogarty Award for the 2009 & 2010 General Assembly sessions.

John E. Fogarty Memorial Award

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities created the John E. Fogarty Memorial Award to recognize the efforts of members of the RI General Assembly in enacting laws to improve the quality of life of the 172,000 Rhode Islanders with Disabilities. The Commission has been awarding its John E. Fogarty Memorial Award, since 1987.

John E. Fogarty, the US House of Representative member from the 2nd Congressional District of Rhode Island (1940 -1967) was a strong advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities. Congressman Fogarty was a leader, nationally and in Rhode Island to bring individuals with disabilities residing in large impersonal institutions (such as Ladd Center) to the community. Congressman Fogarty, although originally elected as a "labor" candidate, following his appointment to chair the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Labor - Health, Education, and Welfare in 1949, became the nation's leading advocate for children with mental retardation, mental health, health care financing, and international/national health care research.

The Legislation Committee recommends giving the John E. Fogarty Awards to:

- Sen. Walaska & Rep. Coderre for 10 - H 7498 Sub A as Amended & 10 - S 2674 Sub A ACTS RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION,
- Sen. Tassoni & Rep. Kennedy for 10 - S 2133 Sub A as Amended & 10 - H 7300 Sub A ACTS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS-ACCESSIBLE CROSSWALKS,
- Rep Lally & Sen. McCaffrey for 09 - H 5949 Sub A & 09 - S 0783 Sub A as Amended ACTS RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- Rep. Costantino & Sen. DaPonte for 09 - H 5112 Sub C & 09 - S 0053 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY



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RC/PR passed unanimously

Purpose/Goal: To decide which non-professionals should receive the Joseph Vanni Award for the 2009 & 2010 General Assembly sessions.

Joseph Vanni Memorial Award

In 1993 the Governor's Commission on Commission created the Joseph Vanni Memorial Award to recognize the role of the average citizen in the enactment and implementation of laws to improve the quality of life of the children and adults with disabilities.

Joseph Vanni was the founding director of the RI Handicapped Action Committee, a social advocacy organization. Mr. Vanni was also a member of the RI Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, the predecessor agency to the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, in the late '70s. Mr. Vanni taught individuals with disabilities how to advocate for themselves, through group and individual action. Mr. Vanni was the first client of the state's Office of Rehabilitation Service to be trained as a community organizer. Individuals awarded the Joseph Vanni Memorial Award demonstrate his commitment to social change through individual involvement, the hallmark of a democratic society.

The Legislation Committee recommends the Commission award its Joseph Vanni Memorial Award

to:

- Anna Liebenow for her testimony on accessible taxi and curb cuts
- Richard Gaffney, President of the National Federation for the Blind of RI for his life-long advocacy on behalf of individuals who are blind or have vision impairments; and
- Arthur Plitt for his efforts on behalf of RI Parent Information Network, the Commission and other organization.



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JP/RC passed Abstain AP



FY 2011 Supplemental & 2012 Fiscal Years Budget Requests

Bob Cooper

5:20

Purpose/Goal: To develop the Budget Commission FY 2011 Supplemental Budget and FY 2012 Requests.

TO: Department Directors and Agency Heads

FROM: Thomas A. Mullaney

Executive Director/State Budget Officer

DATE: July 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Budget Instructions for FY 2012

Submission Date

RIGL 35-3-7 requires the submission of both the Supplemental Budget and the new-year Budget by the third Thursday in January, except in a year following the inauguration of a new Governor when two additional weeks are provided. This year's date falls on February 3, 2011 for the FY 2012 budget. RIGL 35-3-4 requires that agency budget requests be "submitted to the governor through the budget officer" on a date determined by the Budget Officer, but not later than the first day of October in each year.

FY 2012 Process

The FY 2012 budget process will be somewhat different than recent years for several reasons. First, there will be a new Governor elected on November 2, 2010 and the FY 2012 budget will be this Governor's first budget submitted to the General Assembly. In order to provide the new Governor with sufficient information about the agencies and programs of state government and the costs to run them, both the FY 2011 and FY 2012 budget requests will contain two levels.

FY 2011 Revised Budget

As you are aware, the FY 2011 enacted budget is predicated upon the receipt of substantial federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("stimulus"), particularly from enhanced FMAP rates for Medicaid. The FY 2011 budget as enacted assumes the enhanced FMAP rates will be extended from December 31, 2010 to June 30, 2011. If this extension is approved, it will save the State of Rhode Island in excess of \$107.6 million, as contemplated in the enacted budget. Conversely, if this extension is not approved, the FY 2011 budget will be out of balance by this amount.

Although, the General Assembly included language in the enacted budget authorizing the Governor to impose "across-the-board" reductions if the FMAP extension is not approved by December 31, 2010, it is necessary and prudent to begin to address the possibility that reductions will be required prior to this date. As such, each

agency is requested to submit two revised budgets for FY 2011. The first would be the traditional revised budget identifying any changes required in funding levels by program necessary to properly carry out the functions of the agency. Within general revenue funding, the goal is to remain within the overall total funding level as enacted.

The second budget requested for FY 2011 will be to address the possibility that the FMAP extension is not approved and expenditure reductions will be needed to maintain a balanced budget. As such, each agency is requested to submit a revised general revenue budget for FY 2011 that achieves a reduction of **3.72 percent** in their general revenue appropriations. Proposed reductions to achieve these savings should be clearly identified on the FY 2011 Tracking Sheets and their impact fully explained on the accompanying impact statements prepared by the agency.

FY 2012 Budget

For FY 2012, agencies are also requested to submit a two level budget. The first level will be an unconstrained current services level budget within which agencies will be able to document what they believe it would cost to fully and properly operate and staff their programs and activities. This request should be based solely on current law and should not include new programs or enhancements to existing programs. This budget will provide the new Governor and their staff a better understanding of what it costs to operate state government in Rhode Island.

The second level request will be a constrained budget based on a funding target assigned to each agency. As in prior years, this constrained funding target will be based on the projected resources to be available to the state in FY 2012, compared to the projected current services level of spending as calculated by the State Budget Office. Due to the loss of Federal Stimulus funding, particularly the enhanced FMAP, there will be significantly higher general revenue costs in FY 2012, but only slightly higher revenues. As such, the target funding level will require each agency to propose substantial reductions in state funded operations. Your budget submission should contain sufficient documentation and explanation in order to provide the new Governor and their staff a full understanding of the impact such reductions will have on the citizens of the State.

If you have any questions on the current services or target funding level or the overall instructions, please contact your assigned Budget Analyst.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation as we deal with another difficult budget year.

TO: Department Directors and Agency Heads

FROM: Thomas A. Mullaney
Executive Director/State Budget Officer

DATE: August 12, 2010

SUBJECT: FY 2011 Revised Budget Target

As many of you are probably aware, Congress recently approved and President Obama signed into law on August 10, 2010 an extension of enhanced FMAP [Federal Medical Assistance Percentages] rates and additional education aid funding. The FY 2011 enacted budget assumed continuation of the enhanced FMAP rates at the rates currently in effect for an additional six months. The legislation enacted by Congress, however, reduces the enhanced FMAP rates in each of the two quarters beginning January 1, 2011. Therefore, instead of receiving \$107.7 million in additional Medicaid funding for the second half of FY 2011, Rhode Island will receive an estimated \$69.3 million or approximately \$38.4 million less than planned.

In the July 22, 2010 memo on the FY 2012 budget instructions, agencies were instructed to submit a constrained FY 2011 budget that achieved a 3.72 percent reduction in their general revenue appropriations. This was necessary to address the possibility that the FMAP extension would not be approved. Now that the extension has been approved at a level less than planned for in the enacted budget, it is still necessary for agencies to submit a constrained budget that achieves a **1.33 percent** reduction in their general revenue appropriations. The attached spreadsheet identifies the reductions required by agency to achieve this constrained funding level.

FY 2012 Budget Targets

TO: Department Directors and Agency Heads

FROM: Thomas A. Mullaney
Executive Director/State Budget Officer

DATE: August 12, 2010

SUBJECT: FY 2012 Budget Targets

Accompanying this memo (via email) are the current services calculations and target funding levels for FY 2012, as were referenced in the July 22, 2010 memo on the budget instructions. The current services calculations make adjustments for the three percent (3.0%) COLA that will be effective June 19, 2011 (for FY 2012), restoration of pay reduction and COLA deferral savings in the FY 2011 enacted budget, as well as changes in the retirement rate, assessed fringe benefit rate, medical insurance waiver and payroll accrual. In addition, agency specific adjustments have been made where warranted, including entitlement adjustments (i.e. Medicaid), non-recurring or one time expenses, and various other adjustments, such as state aid and education aid.

Once all these current services adjustments are made, the Budget Office is projecting total expenditures for FY 2012 of \$3.298 billion. Preliminary projected revenues for FY 2012 are \$3.063 billion and once the transfer of 2.8% to the Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Fund is made, net revenues available for expenditure are \$2.978 billion. This leaves a **funding gap of over \$320.5 million**. The major driver of this projected deficit is the loss of over \$215.4 million in enhanced Medicaid match and \$17.8 million in stabilization funding available in FY 2011 that will not be available in FY 2012. As a result of this projected funding shortfall, each agency is requested to submit a constrained budget for FY 2012 based on a **fifteen percent (15.0%) reduction** from the Budget Office calculated current services funding level. This will provide the future Governor with some flexibility in choosing cuts. As you will see on the current services calculations/target sheet, there are only a limited number of items that have been held harmless from reductions this year. This means that all programs should be reviewed for possible reduction or elimination.

In addition, as described in the July 22, 2010 memo, each agency is also requested to submit an unconstrained current services budget in order to provide the next Governor with an understanding of what it would cost to fully staff and provide for optimum program operations in your agency. This unconstrained budget should be based solely on current law and should not include new or enhancements to existing programs. However, all tracking sheet explanations should relate to the difference between the current service level and the target reduction in order to describe the impact of cuts from current services.

If you have any questions on the calculated current services level or the target funding level for your agency, please contact your assigned Budget Analyst.

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The following tables and charts show the impact of a 5%, 10%, and 15% cut to each activity. The FY 2010 Achievements and Barriers are also listed. We had problems in FY 2010 at the current service level.

Accessibility and Inclusion

FY 10 Achievements:

- State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator have resolved over 105 informal and formal accessibility complaints.
- State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator have conducted 9 trainings educating over 175 people.
- State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator provided over 1300 requests for technical assistance via phone, email and in-person.
- Over 30 communities surveyed for open meeting accessibility with the aide of an accessibility fellow. Over 100 open meeting accessibility violations/ deficiencies assessed and resolved.
- \$250,000 spent in capital project improvements at Salty Brine State Beach, University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation and architectural design at the Groden Center.
- Asst. ADA Coordinator appointed to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation ADA Committee as an accessibility liaison. Since February 2010, we have reviewed over 30 pedestrian pathway and transportation projects.
- State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator have reviewed 32 architectural plans and identified 8 barriers to accessibility. All were resolved.

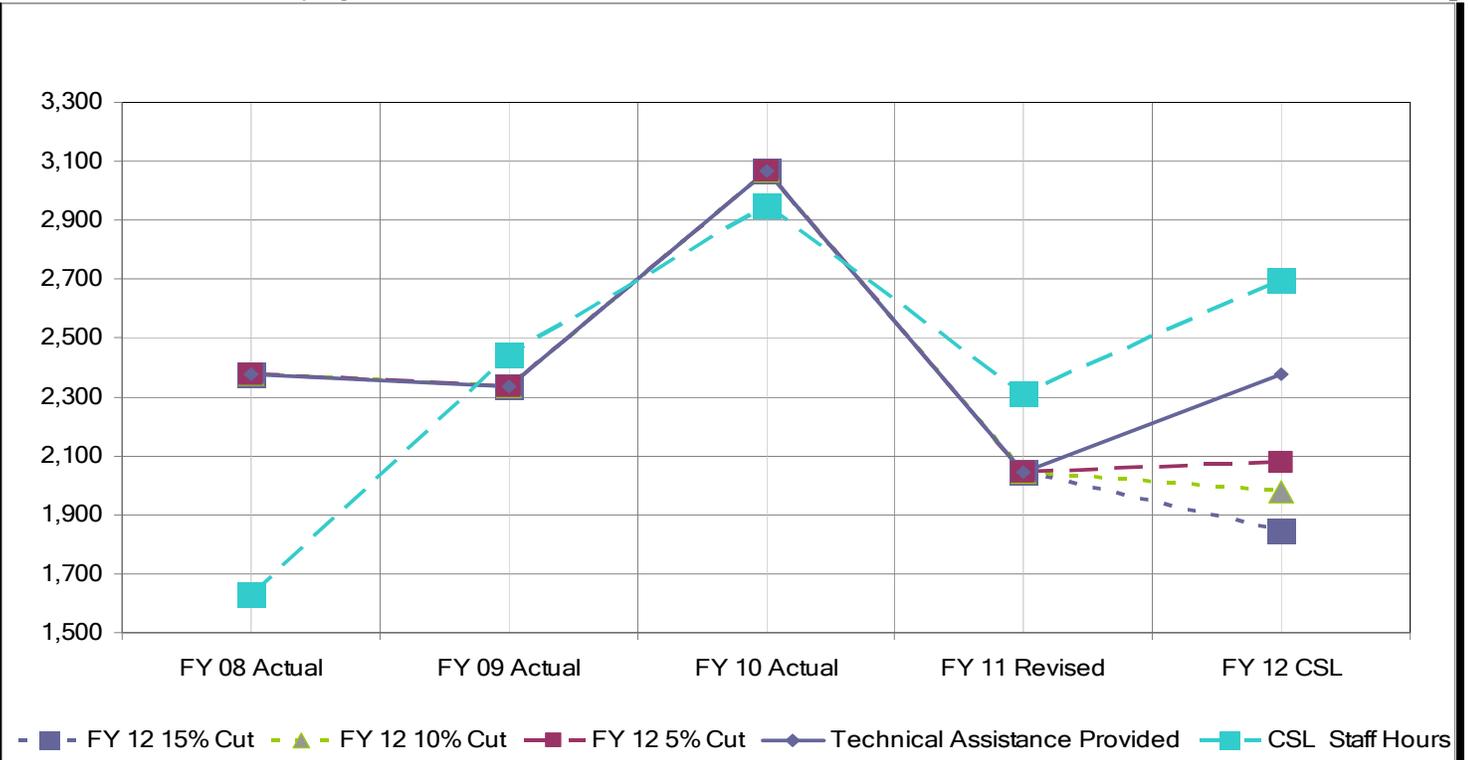
FY 10 Barriers:

- Limited staff for number of plan reviews, complaints and enforcement activities required of the position.
- Limited capital budget funding
- State purchasing procedures which obstruct spending of available/ allocated funds
- Lack of direct enforcement activities and/or abilities (Fines, Summons, Statutory Power)
- Request for future enforcement ability statewide for disability parking
- Limited understanding of accessibility codes and regulations by engineers and architects. *(Increased need for training evident)*

The Provision of Technical Assistance Regarding Accessibility for People with Disabilities

This performance indicator measures technical assistance; on-site access surveys, design plan reviews, telephone and internet consultation and training provided through a grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and the New England ADA Technical Assistance Center. The measure is related to the commission's stated role in providing technical assistance in accordance with RIGL 42-51-6(4). Commission staff keeps records of the technical assistance provided at the Commission and on file at the NE ADA Technical Assistance Center.

The Commission's objective is to quickly respond to requests for assistance, to encourage voluntary compliance with state and federal disability rights laws.



Impact of 5%, 10%, & 15% Reduction in State Funded Resources

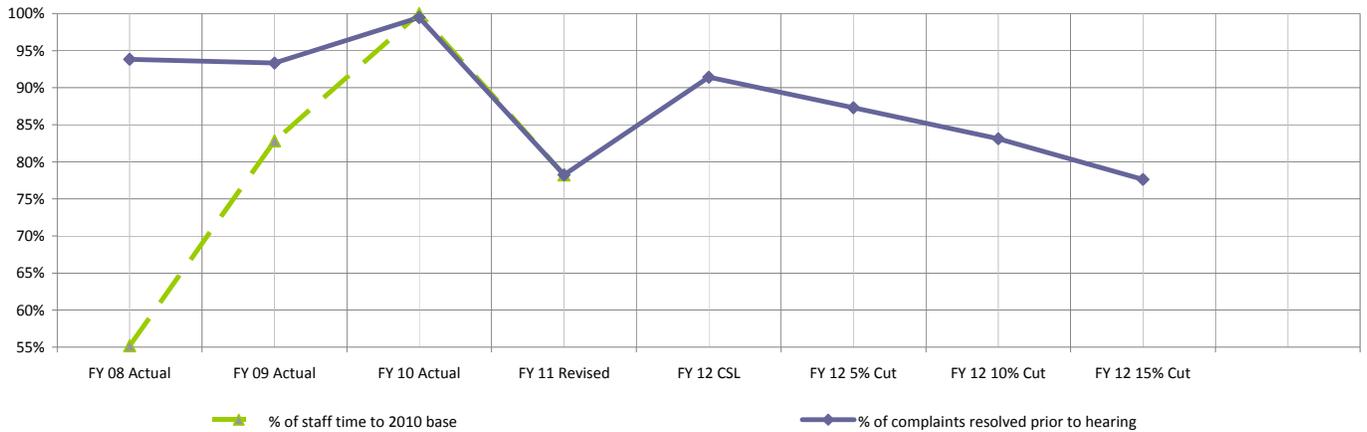
Accessibility & Inclusion	FY 08 Actual	FY 09 Actual	FY 10 Actual	FY 11 Revised	FY 12 CSL	FY 12 5% Cut	FY 12 10% Cut	FY 12 15% Cut
Outcome Measurement:								
The number of easily attainable solutions to access barriers accepted as proposed	436	188	54	177	207	197	188	175
Number of Compliants Resolved Prior to Hearing	61	84	66	58	67	64	61	57
% of complaints resolved prior to hearing	94%	93%	99%	78%	91%	87%	83%	78%
Output Measurement:								
The number of complaints filed:	65	90	66	74	74	74	74	74
The number of building design plans reviewed	100	46	67	56	65	62	59	55
The number of on-site accessibility surveys	126	146	13	74	87	83	79	74
The number of people trained	458	132	-	154	180	172	163	153
The number of technical assistance calls, emails, in-person,	1,630	1,923	2,922	1,689	1,973	1,884	1,794	1,675
Technical Assistance Provided	2,379	2,337	3,068	2,046	2,378	2,274	2,169	2,031
CSL Staff Hours	1,629	2,445	2,951	2,309	2,698	2,576	2,453	2,291

ADA/504/RIGL 42-87 Compliance

Percentage of Disability Discrimination Complaints Resolved Prior to a Hearing

This performance indicator measures the favorable disposition of discrimination complaints involving physical barriers affecting persons with disabilities. The measure includes complaints (formal & information) filed with the Commission. The measure is related to the commission's stated role enforcing RIGL 42-87 Civil Rights of persons with Disabilities. Commission staff keeps records of the disposition of disability discrimination complaints filed with the Commission.

The Commission's objective is a favorable resolution for disability discrimination complaints of one hundred percent, prior to a formal hearing.



Advocacy and Awareness

FY 10 Achievements:

The Enactment of laws that the Commission supported, including:

- o Requiring all future pedestrian crosswalks to have curb cuts on both sides;
 - o Establishing the John J. MacDonald Transportation Initiative to purchase wheelchair accessible taxicabs;
 - o Expanding the Children's Health Account law to include
 - o Expanding the Hate Crimes law to include person who are homeless;

- o Enhancing the penalties for driving drunk while license is suspended;
- o Changing the Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospital's name to the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals;
- o Retaining parity of fees for Non-driver Photo IDs

The blocking of legislation the Commission opposed, including:

- o Government Restructuring - Merging of RIPBS & Higher Education; RIDOT & RIPTA;
- o Moratorium on Licensing of New Hospice Providers, Home Nursing Care Providers Home Health Care Agencies;
- o Increased Co-pay Rite Care Program

FY 10 Barriers:

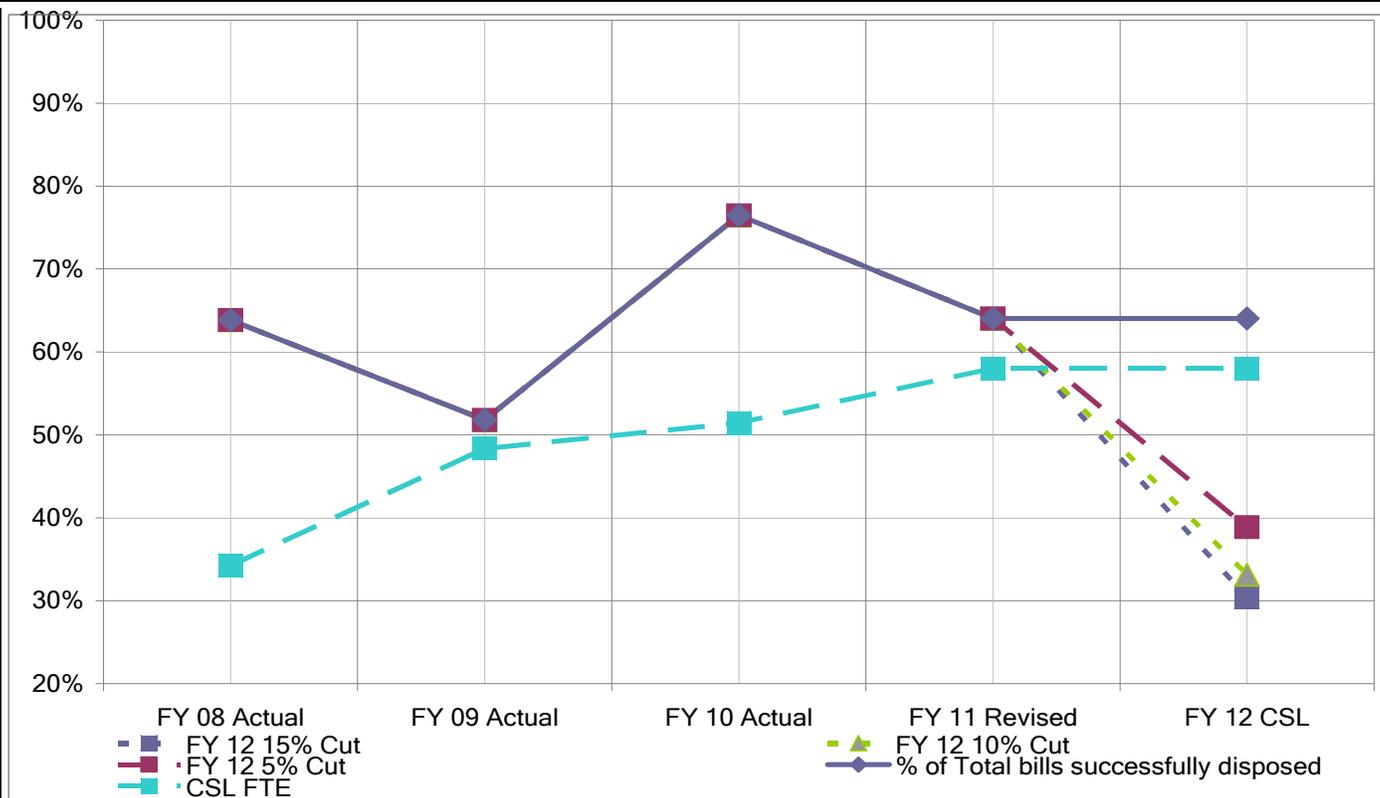
The Commission was unsuccessful in:

- o Enacting the Commission's 2 GCD Adult Crisis Intervention Program bills;
- o Enacting the Hate Crime bills to use the same definitions of disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression in other civil rights laws.
- o Amending the Medicaid Reform Budget Article, that authorized the:
 - o Expansion and integration of care management strategies;
 - o Re-procurement of Medicaid managed care;
 - o Refining payment system for multi-disciplinary treatment planning;
 - o Establishing behavioral health community safety net; Restructuring of the network of providers serving persons with developmental disabilities;
 - o Transferring of state funded methadone maintenance and treatment to costs not otherwise matchable;
 - o Pharmacy – SMAC Program for fee for service; and
 - o Personal Choice and Habilitation Services Reform
- o Amending a Minority Business Enterprise bill to include Parity for Disability Business Enterprises

Percentage of State Legislation Affecting Persons with Disabilities that is Favorably Disposed

This performance indicator measures the favorable disposition of state legislation affecting persons with disabilities. The measure includes all legislation on which the Commission takes a position. The measure is related to the commission's stated role of advocating for the concerns of people with disabilities. Commission staff keeps records of the favorable disposition of legislation.

The Commission's objective is a favorable disposition rate for state legislation of one hundred percent.



Advocacy and Awareness	FY 08 Actual	FY 09 Actual	FY 10 Actual	FY 11 Revised	FY 12 CSL
The # of bills the Legislation Committee review	215	363	177	146	146
# of all bills the Commission/Legislation Committee took a position on	47	83	51	35	35
# of all bills the Commission/Legislation Committee was successful	30	43	39	23	23
% of Total bills successfully disposed	64%	52%	76%	64%	64%
Annual Staff Hours	1,366	698	788	889	885
FY 12 5% Cut	64%	52%	76%	64%	39%
FY 12 10% Cut	64%	52%	76%	64%	33%
FY 12 15% Cut	64%	52%	76%	64%	30%
CSL FTE	34%	48%	51%	58%	58%

Disability Business Enterprises (DBE)

FY 10 Achievements:

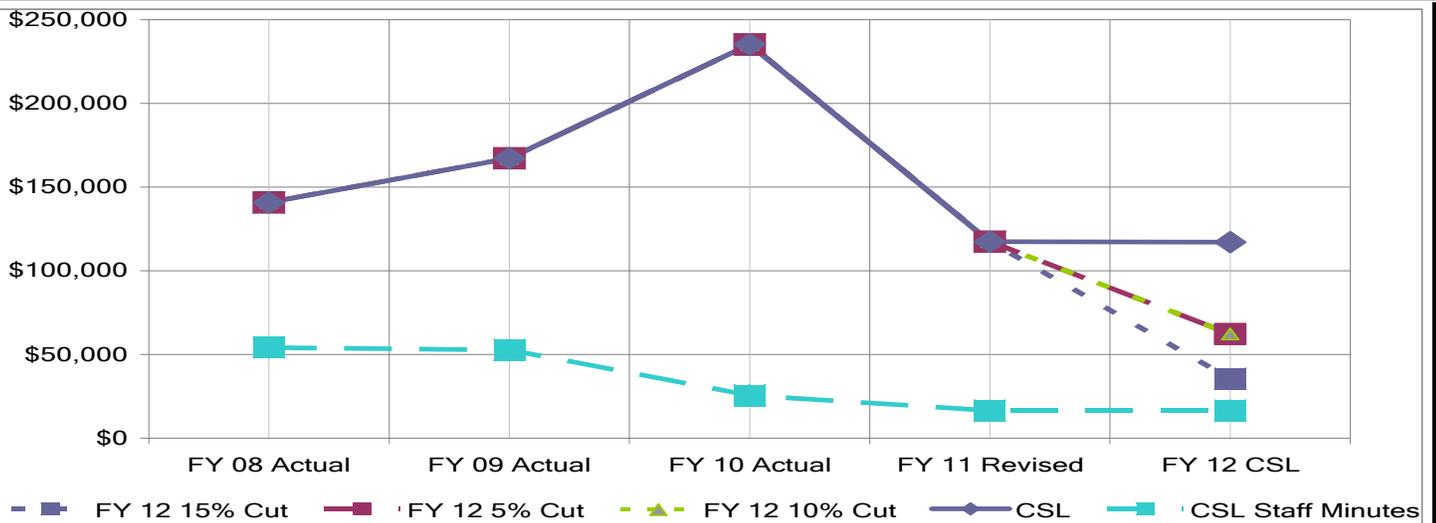
- o Met in person with all of the DBEs. Generated a report based on these meetings.
- o Certified 16 DBEs including 1 new one
- o Updated DBE database
- o Submitted the list of DBEs to purchasing
- o Submitted the list describing the products and services offered by the DBEs to purchasing
- o Provided training with Purchasing and Economic Development for DBEs
- o Met with the Executive Director of the Cookie Place, Ray DePasquale and EDC
- o E-mailed several meeting announcements and business event to DBEs
- o Worked with Ed LeDoux Freelance Photography to become a DBE
- o Assisted the Corliss Institute with there new business venture: Farmer’s market and the development of 2 business plans
- o Collected 1st quarter reporting requirements data from majority of DBEs
- o In process of collecting 2nd quarter reporting requirements from DBEs
- o Exhibited at Every Company Counts meeting

FY 10 Barriers:

- o Lack of rules and regulations from the DOA regarding DBEs
- o Not all DBEs responsive to new reporting requirements
- o Other job duties

The Provision of Assistance to Small Businesses Owned by Persons with Disabilities & Rehabilitation Facilities

This performance indicator measures dollar amount of state contracts awarded to disability business enterprises. The measure is related to the commission’s stated role in certifying small businesses owned by persons with disabilities and rehabilitation facilities accordance with RIGL 37-2.2-4. The Controlers’ office maintains records of payments made to disability business enterprises by vendor ID #. The Commission’s objective is to quickly respond to requests for assistance, to encourage the purchasing of goods and services made or provided by persons with disabilities by state and local government agencies, non-profits and businesses.



Disability Business Enterprise	FY 08 Actual	FY 09 Actual	FY 10 Actual	FY 11 Revised	FY 12 CSL
Outcome Measurement:					
State Contracts, through Disability Business Enterprises	\$140,823	\$167,242	\$235,287	\$117,481	\$117,056
CSL	\$140,823	\$167,242	\$235,287	\$117,481	\$117,056
FY 12 5% Cut	\$140,823	\$167,242	\$235,287	\$117,481	\$62,173
FY 12 10% Cut	\$140,823	\$167,242	\$235,287	\$117,481	\$62,173
FY 12 15% Cut	\$140,823	\$167,242	\$235,287	\$117,481	\$35,488

Election Assistance

FY 10 Achievements:

- State ADA Coordinator and Asst. ADA Coordinator have surveyed 10 new election sites for the 2010 election season.
- State ADA Coordinator & Asst. ADA Coordinator trained in voter registration for the RIGCD
- Committee recruited three (3) poll workers for the 2010 election season as a committee pilot program.
- Committee working to continue to recruit poll-workers with disabilities and poll-surveyors. (to increase poll accessibility and job-availability)
- Committee established and maintained a cooperative working relationship with the Rhode Island Board of Elections to increase voting accessibility for all.
- Renewed contract with RIDVP for the fiscal year 2011.

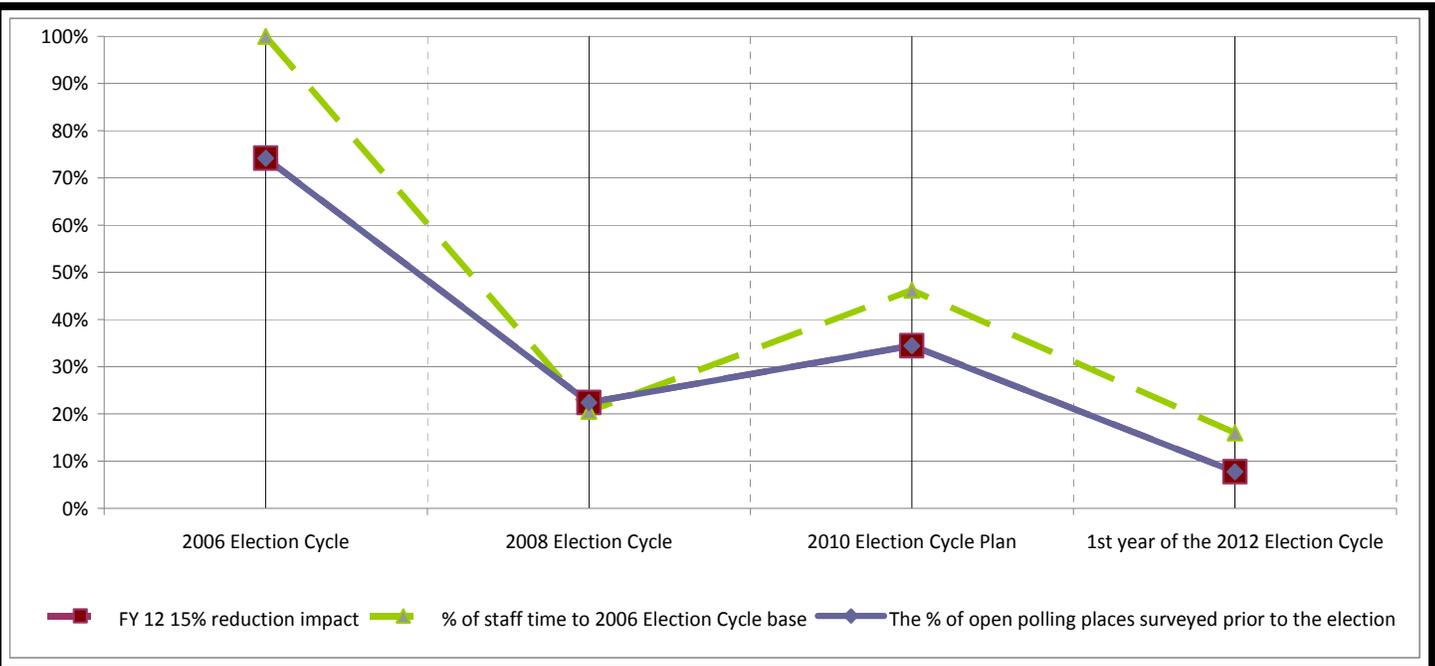
FY 10 Barriers:

- State purchasing procedures obstruct spending of available federal HAVA funding.
- Busy schedules limit availability for committee meetings
- Lack of staffing & personnel resources to re-survey **all** polling locations for accessibility prior to the election.

Percentage of Polling Places Certified Accessible, Prior to Election Day

This performance indicator measures the favorable disposition of state legislation affecting persons with disabilities. The measure includes all polling places open on either primary or general election days. The measure is related to the commission's obligation under the Help America Vote Act to ensure all voters with disabilities are able to vote independently and in secret. Commission staff keeps records of polling place access surveys.

The Commission's objective is one hundred percent of polling places used in any election are accessible, allowing voters with disabilities to cast their vote independently and in secret.



Election Assistance	2006 Election Cycle		2008 Election Cycle		2010 Election Cycle Plan		1st year of the 2012 Election
	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Unaudited	FY 2011 Revised	FY 2012 CSL Request
Outcome Measurement:							
The number of barriers to voting identified		11		12		8	10
The number of voting access solutions proposed & accepted		11		7		6	8
Output Measurement:							
The % of open polling places surveyed prior to the election		74%		22%		34%	8%
State Funded Staff Hours	215	38	9	57.12	-	0	0
General Revenue Subtotal	\$15,224	\$3,247	\$781	\$3,995	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Funded Staff Hours	434	799	180	66.88	97.05	552	123
Polling Place	\$30,179	\$75,187	\$21,330	\$32,575	\$3,884	\$83,485	\$49,806
Equal Access	\$1,604	\$1,657	\$1,294	\$0	\$0	\$12,049	\$2,331
Training Election Officials	\$1,795	\$1,883	\$132	\$3,174	\$0	\$3,450	\$3,450
Information to Voters w/ Disabilities	\$1,198	\$57,785	\$6,266	\$15,382	\$35,598	\$74,432	\$90,000
Administration	\$120	\$96	\$59	-\$5	\$14	\$88	\$70
Total HAVA Reimbursement (Federal & State fiscal years do not match)	\$34,897	\$136,608	\$29,081	\$51,126	\$39,496	\$173,504	\$145,657

Employment Opportunities

FY 10 Achievements:

- Coordinated 2 College and University- Increasing Employment Opportunities meetings. Topics were autism and the post 9/11 GI Bill
- Presented the ADA and You at Work training to 96 students from JWU, CCRI, and URI
- Presented the ADA training to 46 netWORKri employees in Providence and Pawtucket
- Presented the ADA to the DLTs Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee
- Presented ADA Title I to participants in the Supportive Employment Program
- Co-presented 4 1day training sessions on the ADA with Harvey Salvias to 78 realtors
- Mediated successfully the one employment related complaint that was brought to mediation.
- Successfully assisted with the settlement of 2 complaints one of which resulted in the dismissal of the complaint and the design and delivery of ADA training for family court clerks and a modification to the Court's accommodation process. 15 clerks trained to date.
- Exhibited at the October netWORKri job fair.
- Participated in RIPIN parent meeting in Barrington.
- Co-presented with Harvey Salvias on the ADA to attorney's working for the state
- Held an exhibit at the Every Company Counts meeting on September 16th made contact with several Chamber of Commerce representatives.
- Participated in various the audio conferences regarding the ADA
- Presented ADA information and had an exhibit table at the Pawtucket Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Participated in an RIHRM meeting to discuss ADA implications
- Co-presented ADA training at the Biltmore with Chris DeGrave
- Sponsored and attended the BLN meeting at AIPSO
- Attended ORS's public forum in Warwick
- Attended the ADA Symposium in Denver
- Enrolled in the National ADA Certificate Program

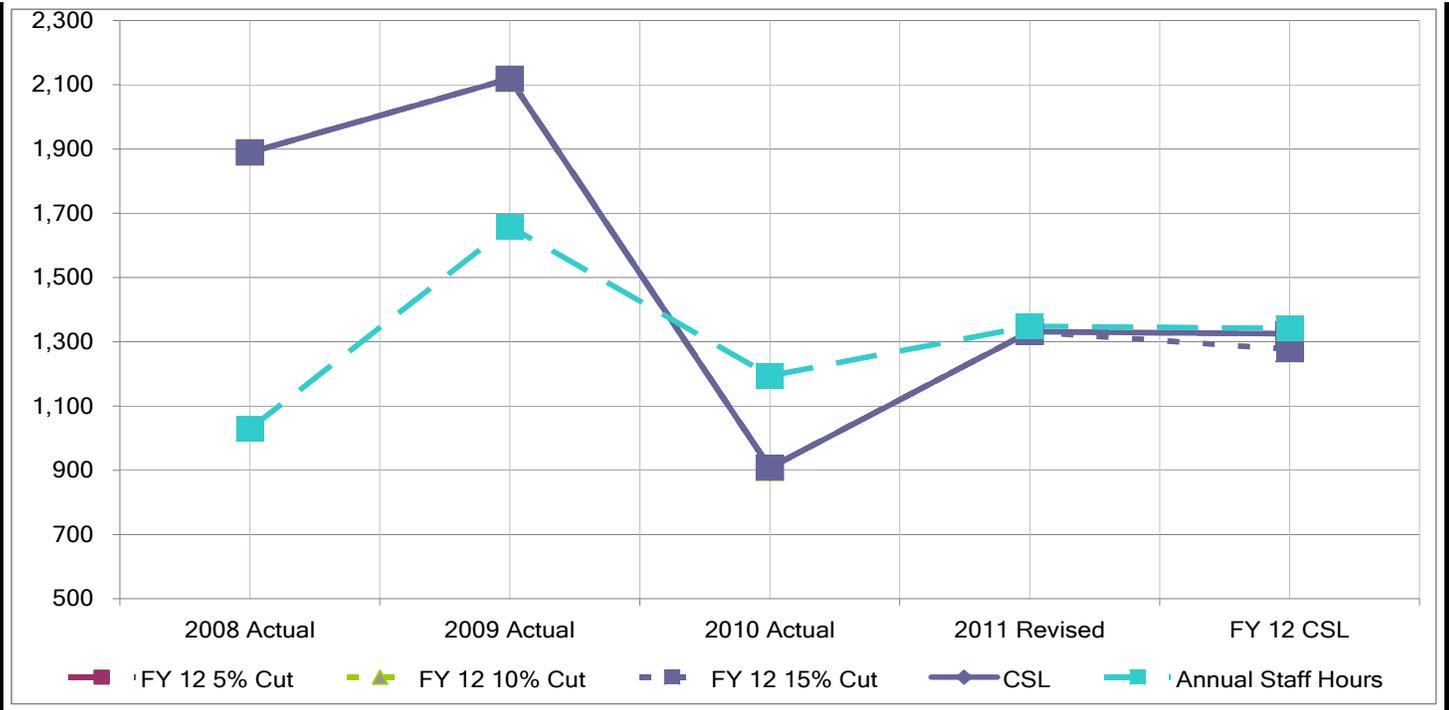
FY 10 Barriers:

- College and University meetings took longer than anticipated due to difficulty scheduling speakers.
- Mediation complaints, which were all non-employment related, were cumbersome and extremely time consuming.
- Opportunities to present at Chamber of Commerce meetings and other employer groups difficult to arrange.
- Lack of Title I regulations to support ADA makes presentations on the ADA challenging.
- Other job duties RI's high unemployment rate

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Employment Technical Assistance	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Revised	FY 12 CSL
The number of employment discrimination complaints successfully resolved	8	11	1	5	5
Output Measurement:					
The number of people trained	154	241	370	207	206
Dissemination of ADA employment material	1,485	1,619	33	850	846
Technical assistance to employers	243	248	504	269	268
The Total number of employment assistance provided	1,889	2,119	908	1,331	1,325
CSL	1,889	2,119	908	1,331	1,325
FY 12 5% Cut	1,889	2,119	908	1,331	1,325
FY 12 10% Cut	1,889	2,119	908	1,331	1,277
FY 12 15% Cut	1,889	2,119	908	1,331	1,276

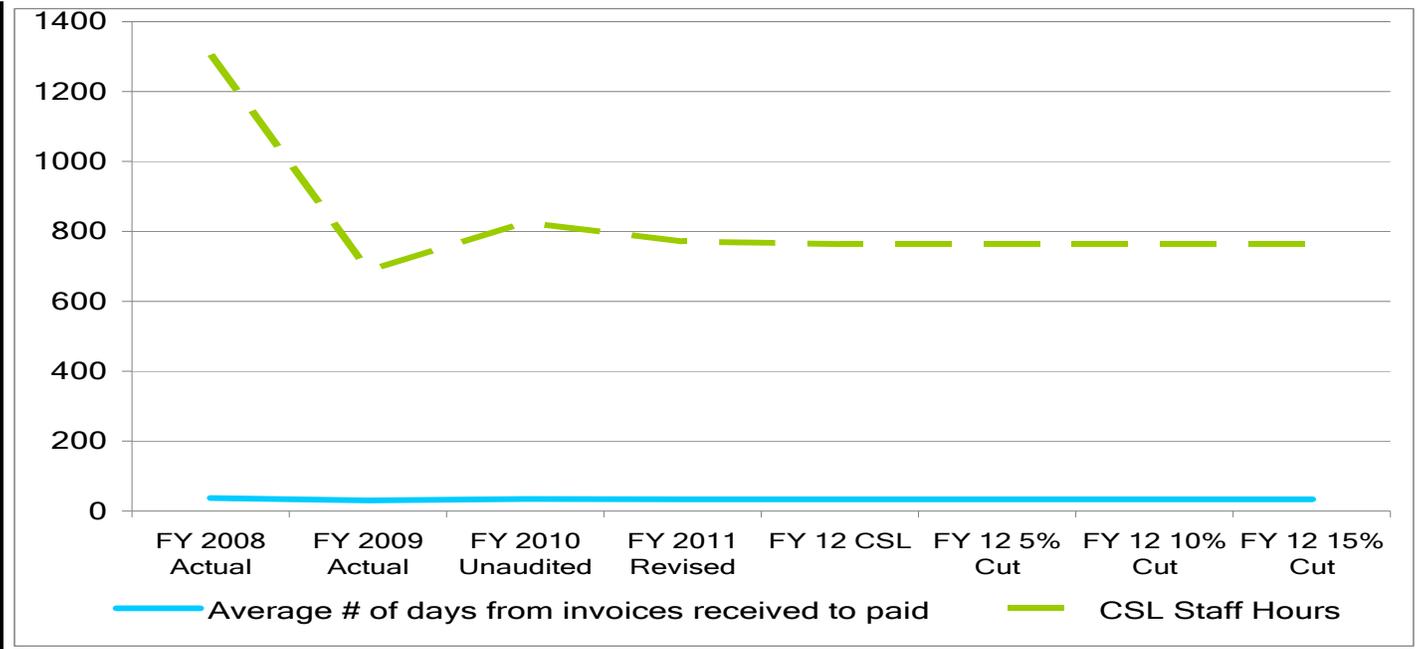
Administrative Support

- FY 10 Achievements:**
- o Successful adoption of the Commission’s FY 2011 Budget Request
 - 3 Nominees for Commissioner were appointed by the Governor
- FY 10 Barriers:**
- 50% Reduction in staff over the past 4 fiscal years

The Processing of Invoices and Bills

This performance indicator measures the length of time (in days) it takes to process requests for payment (invoices, etc.). Commission staff keeps records of the duration from an invoice arriving through payment issued by the Controller/General Treasurer.

The Commission's objective is to quickly responding to requests for payment, with the goal of paying within 30 days.



Administrative Support	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Unaudited	FY 2011 Revised	FY 12 CSL	FY 12 5% Cut	FY 12 10% Cut	FY 12 15% Cut
Outcome Measurement:								
Average # of days from invoices received to paid	37	30	34	34	34	34	34	34
CSL Staff Hours	1,306	688	825	771	764	764	764	764

The Executive Committee recommends:

Financial Resources	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Revised	2011 Constrained
Operations	\$344,637	\$347,112	\$314,187	\$337,345	\$334,748
Mary Brennan Fellowship Fund	\$2,965	\$10,350	\$10,350	\$10,350	\$10,212
35th Anniversary Fund	\$2,878	\$0	\$0		
Disability Business Enterprise		\$25,567	\$18,906	\$18,271	\$17,995
General Revenue	\$350,480	\$383,029	\$343,443	\$365,966	\$362,955
NE ADA Center Grant	\$41,872	\$17,328	\$46,262	\$22,911	\$22,911
HAVA Election Assistance Grant	\$35,578	\$38,906	\$39,515	\$176,765	\$176,765
Federal Funds	\$77,450	\$56,234	\$85,777	\$199,676	\$199,676
Technical Assistance Projects	\$13,178	\$8,432	\$7,931	\$9,108	\$9,108
Restricted Receipts	\$13,178	\$8,432	\$7,931	\$9,108	\$9,108
RICAP - Handicapped Accessibility	\$100,000	\$151,400	\$141,677	\$298,474	\$298,474
PL 89-552: Handicapped Accessibility	\$2,366				
PL 90-434 Handicapped Access: Auxiliary	\$5,802				
PL 90-434 Handicapped Access: Facility Ren.		\$104,220		\$34,968	\$34,968
Capital Projects	\$108,167	\$255,620	\$141,677	\$333,442	\$333,442
Grand Total	\$549,275	\$703,315	\$578,828	\$908,191	\$905,181



MOTION: To adopt the FY 2011 Revised & Constrained Budget Requests; as recommended by the Executive Committee PR/JD passed, Abstained RH

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Where do we find \$58,659 to cut? We cannot use any of the ADA Access project money to pay for anything else. We do not have enough money for supplies and expenses now! We need to have some money for interpreters, etc. We can cut the college student grants. Most of the cut must come from staff's wages and benefits.

The **state must pay for 2,798 staff hours** on ADA access and employment to keep the NE ADA Center Grant.

The HAVA Election "grant must be used for each of the following activities:

- a. making polling places, including the path of travel, entrances, exits, and voting areas of each polling facility, accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities.
- b. Providing the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, to individuals with the full range of disabilities as for other voters.
- c. Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with the full range of disabilities in elections for Federal office.
- d. Providing individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about the accessibility of polling places."

The Executive Committee recommends the FY 2012 Current Service Level. 5%, 10%, & 15% Budget Requests:

The Commission's Projected Expenses 2011 to 2012

Financial Resources	FY 2012 CSL	FY 2012 5% Cut	FY 2012 10% Cut	FY 2012 15% Cut
Operations	362,094	\$348,192	\$328,748	314,171
Mary Brennan Fellowship Fund	10,212	\$8,680	\$8,680	\$8,680
Disability Business Enterprise	17,189	\$13,178	\$13,178	8,311
General Revenue	\$389,495	\$370,050	\$350,606	\$331,161
NE ADA Center Grant	44,126	\$44,126	\$44,126	44,126
HAVA Election Assistance Grant	139,869	\$139,927	\$139,999	140,105
Federal Funds	\$183,995	\$184,053	\$184,125	\$184,231
Technical Assistance Projects	9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264	9,264
Restricted Receipts	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264
RICAP - Handicapped Accessibility	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Capital Projects	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Grand Total	\$832,755	\$813,367	\$793,996	\$774,657

#	Description of the Change from FY 11 Revised	FY 12 CSL	FY 12 5% Cut	FY 12 10% Cut	FY 12 15% Cut
	FY 11 Revised: Operations Account	\$334,748	\$334,748	\$334,748	\$334,748
1	Staff wage and benefit costs	\$27,009	\$13,740	-\$5,716	-\$20,214
2	Increased cost of interpreters	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$720
3	Increased cost of supplies and expenses	-\$383	-\$1,016	-\$1,004	-\$1,083
	FY 12 Operations Total	\$362,094	\$348,192	\$328,748	\$314,171
	FY 11 Revised: Mary Brennan Fellowship Account	\$10,212	\$10,212	\$10,212	\$10,212
4	College Fellowship Stipend	\$0	-\$1,532	-\$1,532	-\$1,532
	FY 12 Mary Brennan Fellowship Account	\$10,212	\$8,680	\$8,680	\$8,680
5	FY 11 Revised: Disability Business Enterprise Account	\$17,995	\$17,995	\$17,995	\$17,995
6	Staff wage and benefit costs	\$587	-\$1,846	-\$1,846	-\$6,714
7	We help fewer businesses owned by people with disabilities and rehabilitation agencies by buying government bid search engine.	-\$1,405	-\$2,880	-\$2,880	-\$2,880
8	We add money for increased cost of interpreters	\$93	\$93	\$93	\$93
9	We print fewer DBE brochures	-\$61	-\$164	-\$164	-\$164
10	Reduce mileage	-\$19	-\$19	-\$19	-\$19
	FY 12 Disability Business Enterprise Account	\$17,189	\$13,178	\$13,178	\$8,311
11	FY 11 Revised: NE ADA Center Grant Account	\$22,911	\$22,911	\$22,911	\$22,911
12	Add staff time for ADA access	\$25,420	\$27,449	\$27,563	\$27,728
13	Increased cost of interpreters	\$39	\$39	\$39	\$39
14	We take away money for printing	\$2	-\$46	-\$115	-\$178
15	Staff training	-\$296	-\$297	-\$342	-\$342
16	Mileage (higher gas prices)	\$23	\$23	\$23	-\$79
17	Training conference	-\$535	-\$2,516	-\$2,516	-\$2,516
18	Telephone service	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
19	Single Federal Audit	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11
20	We stop offering a grant (stipend) for a college student with disabilities	-\$3,450	-\$3,450	-\$3,450	-\$3,450
	FY 12 NE ADA Center Grant Account	\$44,126	\$44,126	\$44,126	\$44,126
21	FY 11 Revised: HAVA Election Assistance Grant Account	\$176,765	\$176,765	\$176,765	\$176,765
22	Less staff time from elections	-\$22,576	-\$22,519	-\$22,446	-\$22,340
23	Office supplies	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4
24	Increased cost of interpreters	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
25	No voter rights newspaper ads	-\$20,000	-\$20,000	-\$20,000	-\$20,000
26	No printing of election access signs for polling places	-\$3,253	-\$3,253	-\$3,253	-\$3,253
27	Staff mileage, no election in FY	-\$576	-\$576	-\$576	-\$576
28	Increased cost of training conferences	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
29	Single Federal Audit	-\$18	-\$18	-\$18	-\$18
30	Voter rights education mailing to people with disability parking permit-	\$9,443	\$9,443	\$9,443	\$9,443
	FY 12 HAVA Election Assistance Grant Account	\$139,869	\$139,927	\$139,999	\$140,105
31	FY 11 Revised: Public Forums Account	\$9,108	\$9,108	\$9,108	\$9,108
32	Increased cost of interpreters	\$73	\$73	\$73	\$73
33	Increased cost of supplies and expenses	\$83	\$83	\$83	\$83
	FY 12 Public Forums Account	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264
34	FY 11 Revised: RICAP & GO Bond ADA Access Projects	\$333,442	\$333,442	\$333,442	\$333,442
35	We do not get as much money for ADA Access Projects in FY 12	-\$48,474	-\$48,474	-\$48,474	-\$48,474
36	We have used up all the GO Bond money	-\$34,968	-\$34,968	-\$34,968	-\$34,968
	FY 12 RICAP ADA Access Projects	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Grand Total	\$832,755	\$813,367	\$793,996	\$774,657

Staff Time in Hours/Year	FY 12 CSL	FY 12 5% Cut	FY 12 10% Cut	FY 12 15% Cut
Accessibility Technical Assistance	2,698	2,576	2,453	2,291
Advocacy & Awareness	885	829	707	649
Disability Business Enterprises	275	226	226	129
Election Assistance	123	123	123	123
Employment Technical Assistance	1,342	1,342	1,293	1,293
Administrative Support	764	764	764	764
Grand Total	6,087	5,860	5,566	5,249
% of Full Time	100%	96%	91%	86%
State Funded Hours	5,476	5,233	4,684	4,622
Grant Funded Hours	866	882	882	882
Grand Total	6,342	6,115	5,566	5,504
Staff Work Week				
Executive Secretary	35.0	33.7	30.9	29.6
State ADA Coordinator	35.0	33.5	31.9	29.7
Assistant ADA Coordinator - Employment	35.0	34.0	32.9	30.8
Assistant ADA Coordinator - Accessibility	35.0	34.0	32.9	31.5
Grand Total	140.0	135.2	128.6	121.6
% Cut in Weekly Staff Hours	100%	97%	92%	87%



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MOTION: To adopt the FY 2012 Current Service Level, 5% Cut, 10% Cut, and 15 Cut Budget Requests as recommended by the Executive Committee, SB/JP passed, Abstained JP & RH

The Executive Committee recommends asking the Governor and General Assembly to repeal (get rid of) two laws:

31-28-7.3 Parking and parking privileges - Disability parking enforcement program

(d) Beginning January 1, 2001 and on each January 1 thereafter, cities and towns and the state police, department of environmental management, airport corporations, capitol police, department of mental health, retardation and hospitals, and the state operated colleges shall be required to submit to the governor's commission on disabilities an annual progress report chronicling the collections of fines, procedures used, convictions, and any problems or successes which result from the disability parking enforcement enhancement program. Following receipt of an annual program report, the governor's commission on disabilities may suggest improvements to a disability parking enforcement enhancement program.

We would need more staff-time to help police departments improve. We have not sent out suggestions in years. The time staff spend on this, should be used elsewhere.

42-51-10 Governor's Commission on Disabilities - State coordinating committee on disability rights

The commission shall establish a state coordinating committee on disability rights to advise and assist the commission to implement self-evaluation and compliance plans as required by federal and state laws protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities. The committee shall be composed of thirteen (13) members who shall be as follows: one representative of each of the general officers of the state, appointed by that general officer; one representative of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of house; one representative of the senate, appointed

by the president of the senate; one representative of the judiciary, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court; one representative of each of the boards of education, appointed by the chairperson of that board; one representative of the public transit authority, appointed by the chairperson of the authority, and those additional representatives the chairperson of the governor's commission on disabilities may appoint from the executive branch and the general public. Those persons acting as committee members on July 21, 1992 shall continue to so act until their successors are appointed. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The chairperson of the governor's commission on disabilities shall preside at meetings of the committee. The executive secretary of the governor's commission on disabilities shall serve as vice chairperson of the committee.

The Committee has finished its work. It has not met in several years.



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MOTION: To request the Governor and General Assembly repeal: recommended by the Executive Committee:

31-28-7.3 (d) Parking and parking privileges - Disability parking enforcement program and

42-51-10 Governor's Commission on Disabilities - State coordinating committee on disability rights

PR/JD passed unanimously

The Commission's current fee and complementary gift schedule:

12" x 18" Disability parking signs, directional signs, etc. Twice the amount charged the Commission by Correctional Industries, currently	\$20/sign
Van accessible parking signs, currently	\$10/sign
Annual Subscription to the Commission's Weekly Legislative Letter	
	Email copy Free
	Mailed copy \$20
Annual Subscription to the Commission's Reports	
	Email copy Free
	Mailed copy \$10



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MOTION: The Commission's current fee and gift complementary schedules shall, stay the same JD/CA passed unanimously



Report Graphic

FY 2010 Annual Report and FY 2011 & 2012 Operational Plan

Tim Flynn

6:10

Purpose/Goal: To adopt the FY 2010 Annual Report and FY 2011 & 2012 Operational Plan			
<p>"42-51-6. Duties. It shall be the duty of the commission to ... (5) From time to time, but not less than once a year, to report to the legislature and the governor, describing the investigations, proceedings, and hearings the commission has conducted and their outcome, the decisions it has rendered, and the other work performed by it, and make recommendations for further legislation concerning abuses and discrimination based on disability that may be desirable."</p>			
Reports by Committee Chairpersons and Staff on FY 2010 Achievements and Barriers and Plans for FY 2011 and 2012			
	Advocacy & Awareness	Bob Cooper	
	Disability Business Enterprises	Tim Flynn	
	Election Assistance	Rory Carmody	
	Employment	Pat Ryherd	
	<p>MOTION: To direct the Commission's Chairperson and Executive Secretary compile the Committees reports into an annual report & operational plan to be considered at the November Commission Meeting. JD/JD passed unanimously</p>		
	Elect the vice chairperson	Tim Flynn	6:40
<p>The vice-chairperson Shall be elected annually at the annual meeting. The vice-chairperson shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assume all the duties of the chairperson, in accord with the state laws, whenever the chairperson is unable to perform them; b) Be the authorized agent for all fiscal documents relating to the reimbursement of expenses of the chairperson; and c) Assume other duties that the commission may assign. <p>In the event that the chairperson's position is vacant and the Vice Chairperson becomes Acting Chairperson, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice Chairperson Pro Tempore to serve until the Governor has appointed a new Chairperson.</p>			



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MOTION: To nominate & elect Kate McCarthy Barnett to be the Commission’s Vice Chairperson for the next year. JP/JD passed unanimously

		Tim Flynn	6:45
	Give advice and consent to the Chairperson’s appointments of committee chairpersons and members and liaisons to other boards.		
	Purpose/Goal: To appoint a chairperson and members to each committee.		
 <p>Ramp graphic</p>	Accessibility: Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD, of Coventry - Chairperson Ronald C. McMinn, of Cumberland – Vice Chairperson ¹ Katherine Lowe, of Warwick Arthur M. Plitt, of Pawtucket Monsignor Gerard O. Sabourin, of Exeter		
	Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights: R. Timothy Flynn, of Ashaway - Chairperson Bob Cooper, of Scituate – Vice Chairperson		
 <p>business graphic</p>	Disability Business Enterprise: Theresa Thielke, of Newport - Chairperson		
 <p>Ballot box graphic</p>	Election Assistance: Rosemary C. Carmody, of Coventry - Chairperson Cristina Amedeo, of Warwick James A. Pitassi, Jr., of Johnston Arthur M. Plitt, of Pawtucket		
 <p>Working graphic</p>	Employment: Patricia Ryherd, of Barrington - Chairperson Cristina Amedeo, of Warwick Judith Drew, Ph.D., of Cumberland Arthur M. Plitt, of Pawtucket Sarah Everhart Skeels, of Tiverton		
 <p>Judge bench</p>	Hearing Board: Judith Drew, Ph.D., of Cumberland - Chairperson Frederick Burke, of North Scituate Ronald C. McMinn, of Cumberland Arthur M. Plitt, of Pawtucket		
 <p>capitol graphic</p>	Legislation: Linda N. Ward, of Cranston - Chairperson William R. Inlow, of Middletown – Vice Chairperson Jeanne Behie, of South Kingstown Sharon Brinkworth, of Barrington		

¹ The Committees elect the Vice Chairpersons each fall.

	<p>Rosemary C. Carmody, of Coventry Julie DeRosa, of Warwick R. Timothy Flynn, of Ashaway Laura Jones, of Wakfield Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD, of Coventry Arthur M. Plitt, of Pawtucket Monsignor Gerard O. Sabourin, of Exeter Sarah Everhart Skeels, of Tiverton Theresa Thielke, of Newport</p>		
	<p>Liaisons: 17-9.1-31. Voter Registration Advisory Board: Rosemary C. Carmody, of Coventry 30-15-6. Emergency Management – Advisory Council: Kate McCarthy-Barnett, EdD, of Coventry 42-66.3-8. Home and Community Care Advisory Committee: R. Timothy Flynn, of Ashaway State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee: Judith Drew, Ph.D., of Cumberland RI Disability Vote Project Steering and Managing Directors: Linda Ward of Cranston</p>		
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	<p>MOTION: To give advice and consent to the Chairperson's appointment of Committee Chairperson and Members, as presented above RC/JD passed unanimously</p>		
 <p>Announcer graphic</p>	<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Tim Flynn</p>	<p>6:50</p>
 <p>calendar graphic</p>	<p>Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tim Flynn</p>	<p>6:55</p>
<p>Next meeting will be on: Monday November 29th 5:00 - 7:00 PM The main topic will be to adopt the 2011 Legislative Package</p>			
 <p>alarm clock graphic</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Tim Flynn</p>	<p>7:00</p>
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	<p>MOTION: To adjourn at 7:03 PM JD/RC passed unanimously</p>		