



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 Business Meeting Agenda Monday July 18, 2011 5 - 7 PM

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Attendees:	
Absent:	Dr. Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair.); Jeanne Behie; Frederick Burke; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Roger Harris; Msgr. Gerard Sabourin; Theresa Thaelke; & Linda Ward
Guests:	Anthony Robinson, House of Representatives
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Secretary; Harvey Salvas, State ADA Coordinator; & Lubi Lora, Fellow

Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson
Clock graphic	Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:02 Introductions of Commissioners and guests	
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented BI/AP passed unanimously		

Action Items:		
Commission's FY 2012 Budget Allocation	Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary	5:05
Purpose/Goal: To allocate the FY 12 Enacted Budget		
Discussion: The Executive Committee requested the Budget Office reduce the FY 2011 RICAP Funding by \$216,995 and add to FY 2012 RICAP Funding 216,995. Status of the NE ADA Center Grant funding; there will be a lot less carried forward into FY 2012 than planned. If Congress reauthorizes and appropriates the same amount for ADA Training as in the past, only \$33,000 will be available in state FY 12. If Congress does not authorize any Federal Fiscal Year 12 funding, then we will have less than \$15,400. The Executive Committee recommends the Commission adopt the following changes for the NE ADA Grant FY 2012		

Budget: reduce staff training to web based and NE ADA Center regional meetings, no overnight stays at regional meetings; shift all telephone to general revenue account; no external printing of material; and not fill the G. Frank Hanaway Fellowship.

Account	Expenditure Category	FY 11 Budget Amount	FY 11 Projected Expenses	FY 12 Budget As Enacted	Difference FY 11 - FY 12	Change to:	Available Funds
General Operations							
	Wages and Benefits	\$324,185	\$318,912	\$347,851	\$28,939		
	Contracted Professional Services	\$1,214	\$0	\$1,934	\$1,934		
	Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$9,817	\$11,764	\$9,995	(\$1,769)		
	Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$1,881	\$1,542	\$1,881	\$339		
	2585101 Total	\$337,097	\$332,218	\$361,661	\$29,443	\$361,661	\$361,661
Mary Brennan Fellowship							
	Assistance and Grants	\$10,350	\$10,350	\$10,350	\$0		
	2585102 Total	\$10,350	\$10,350	\$10,350	\$0	\$10,350	\$10,350
Disability Business Enterprise							
	Wages and Benefits	\$13,950	\$10,179	\$14,851	\$4,672		
	Contracted Professional Services	\$1,448	\$0	\$1,541	\$1,541		
	Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$463	\$852	\$383	(\$469)		
	2585104 Total	\$15,861	\$11,031	\$16,775	\$5,744	\$16,775	\$16,775
NE ADA Center							
	Wages and Benefits	\$11,977	\$14,915	\$37,488	\$22,573	\$26,036	
	Contracted Professional Services	\$1,960	\$0	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698	
	Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$1,563	\$1,576	\$2,925	\$1,349	\$1,727	
	Assistance and Grants	\$5,732	\$5,512	\$0	(\$5,512)	\$0	
	2590101 Total	\$21,232	\$22,003	\$42,111	\$20,108	\$29,461	\$33,000
Help America Vote Act							
	Wages and Benefits	\$30,343	\$36,210	\$9,603	(\$26,607)	\$14,202	
	Contracted Professional Services	\$2,272	\$302	\$2,327	\$2,025	\$2,327	
	Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$28,173	\$12,864	\$4,397	(\$8,467)	\$4,397	
	Assistance and Grants	\$113,450	\$100,286	\$123,404	\$23,118	\$123,404	
	2590102 Total	\$174,238	\$149,662	\$139,731	(\$9,931)	\$144,329	\$500,000
Technical Assistance							
	Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$7,029	\$3,871	\$7,112	\$3,241	\$0	
	7022101 Total	\$9,108	\$5,851	\$9,264	\$3,413	\$0	\$4,000
RICAP Accessibility Renovations							
	Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$250,000	\$33,005	\$250,000	\$216,995	\$466,995	
	7022101 Total	\$250,000	\$33,005	\$250,000	\$216,995	\$466,995	\$466,995
PL 90-434 Handicapped Accessibility 93/94 facilities renovations							
	Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$34,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,968	
	9211011 Total	\$34,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,968	\$34,968
Grand Total		\$852,854	\$564,119	\$829,892	\$265,773	\$1,064,539	\$1,392,781

JC spoke about the original intent of the State Building Code ADA Assessment on building plan reviews, it was to cover the cost of ADA training and technical assistance by Building Commissioner's and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities' staffs. Those funds have been diverted into the state's General Fund for several years. The Commission should look into utilizing some of those funds, in the event the NE ADA Grant funding is not extended into FFY 2012.



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MOTION: To allocate the Commission's FY 2012 Funding as presented RMcM/PR passed unanimously



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Adoption of the FY 2013 - 2017 Accessibility Renovation Capital Budget Request Harvey Salvas, State ADA Coordinator 5:20

Purpose/Goal: To adopt the Commission Accessibility Renovation Budget Requests for Fiscal Years 2013 - 2017.

Discussion: The next 7 pages contain the Accessibility Renovation Capital Budget as recommended by the Accessibility Committee.

JC spoke about the need to design of parking lot and hearing rooms at the State House. We will set up meetings with DoA Assoc. Dir. Along with Speaker and Senate President on addressing the access barriers at the State House.



Agency *022 GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES*

Project ID/Name: *FR1 Handicapped Accessibility - Facility Renovations*

Project Description:

Facility Renovations, to remove structural barriers at state owned facilities that prevent persons with disabilities from participating in the services, activities or benefits offered at those state facilities or being employed by the state agencies occupying those facilities.

Project Justification:

With advances in medical treatments and as the community become more physically accessible the state should anticipate a greater participation by persons with severe impairments as employees, users of state services, and students at state operated schools and colleges.

Access renovations at state owned long term care facilities coupled with improvements in medical treatment will allow residents to become more independent, reducing their reliance on employees, as structural barriers to the independence are removed.

Access renovations at state owned schools and colleges expands career opportunities for students with disabilities, who upon graduation will become productive employed citizens.

Access renovations at workstations expand employment opportunities in state government for persons with disabilities as well as retention of existing state employees who become disabled, rather than retiring with a disability pension and/or collecting Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Income benefits.

Access renovations at state owned recreational facilities, expands opportunities to Rhode Islanders and tourists with disabilities to enjoy the benefits and services provided by the State of Rhode Island.

Compliance with federal and state disability rights laws.

Project Status:

Since 1980 the State has been eliminating barriers at state owned facilities (colleges, office buildings, state parks and beaches).

1) State services primarily on people with disabilities that do not meet the minimum federal standard of accessible to and useable by persons with disabilities:

- DCYF: Groden Center for children with behavior disorders, being addressed in the FY 2012 Capital Budget; and
- BHDDH (formerly MHRH): state owned facilities leased by behavioral health and developmental disabilities provider agencies.
- Reasonable accommodations/modifications are made on a case-by-case basis when requested for:
- Residents at Eleanor Slater Hospital (both campuses) and in Correctional Facilities;
- Individual state employees with disabilities' workstation & common facilities; and
- Students with disabilities enrolled in state operated schools and colleges.

2) The State House access renovations include:

- Upgrading the lower level entrance;
- Replacement of all the doorknobs with level hardware; and
- Creating accessible visitors parking.

3) Higher Education facility renovations include:

- URI: 29 facilities at its Kingston, Narragansett Bay and Alton Jones Campuses with barriers to students and employees, that the University estimates would cost \$7,452,200 if completed in FY 2011 – 2012.
- RIC: walkways, sidewalks and replacement of door knobs with level hardware through out the campus, with a



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projected cost of \$275,000;

4) DEM: 10 recreation facilities that do not comply with the federal access code, renovations would to cost of \$881,250, if completed in FY 2011 - 2012. Federal matching funds may be available to renovate some of these projects.

5) DOC: Women's Correctional Facilities, no cost estimate available.

6) Pastore Center: Administrative buildings, no cost estimate available.

Strategic Criteria

Safety Concerns Major

Safety Narrative

State employees, students at state operated schools and colleges, and residents at state operated facilities, who have mobility impairments do not have a 2nd accessible means of egress (or area of refuge) in fires, in a small number of state owned facilities.

Code Violations Major

Code Narrative

Accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and RIGL 42-87 Civil Rights of People with Disabilities, all require independent access to all programs, activities, and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. There are still structural barriers to programs at the state owned (DCYF & MHRH) residential treatment facilities and community based services operated by private service providers, the State House, state colleges, DEM facilities, Women's correctional facilities; Pastore Center facilities and the training facility at the Johnston computer center.

Energy Impact None

Energy Narrative

Customer Service Major

Customer Narrative

Residents of RI are unable to fully enjoy services provided by the state, are unable to attend state operated schools and colleges, or receive services at state owned (DCYF & MHRH) treatment facilities, and fully utilize DEM's recreation facilities. There are still physical barriers at the State House (almost all of the hearing and committee rooms lack appropriate door hardware that can be opened with a closed fist.

Geographic Significance Statewide

Geographic Narrative

BHDDH (formerly MHRH) Residential Substance Abuse Facilities, across the state;
State House, Providence;
URI campuses in Kingston, Narragansett, and West Greenwich;
RIC campus, Providence;
DEM facilities at:
Chopmist Hill Forest Management, Scituate;
Colt State Park rest room # 3, Bristol;
Echo Lake boat ramp, Glocester
Fort Adams, Newport;
Great Swamp Management Area, West Kingston
Lafayette Fish Hatchery, North Kingstown,



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DEM: North Kingstown Boat Ramp,
 Slatersville Reservoir boat ramp, North Smithfield, and
 Shore Fishing Stations
 Pastore Center, Cranston; and
 Johnston Computer Center's training facility

Agency Mission High

Agency Narrative

Commission's Objective is:
 To ensure that all people with disabilities are afforded the opportunities to exercise all the rights and responsibilities accorded to citizens of this state and each person with a disability is able to reach his/her maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency.
 Commission's Goals are:
 To ensure full participation in all aspects of society for people with disabilities and
 To expand economic opportunities for people with disabilities.
 The Commission's mission is to remove all barriers to equal access to state programs, benefits, services and employment opportunities.

User Financing 0

User Narrative

Asset Management Rehabilitation

Asset Narrative

Appropriately constructed accessibility extends the legal use of existing non-accessible facilities, allowing the state to make more productive use of state owned facilities, especially vacant facilities at the Pastore Center.
 In FY 12 the Commission will be conducting an architectural and engineering study of all the state owned facilities, both currently in use and vacant, to provide a detailed listing of barriers and solutions so policy makers will be in a position to make informed decisions regarding future use of those facilities.

Operating None

Operating Narrative

Historic Preservation Yes

Historic Narrative

Some of the facilities, such as the State House, are on the National Register of Historic Places. Access renovations will be designed in consultation with the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission.

Budgeted No

Budget Narrative

Critical Criteria

Critical Life Safety Yes

Critical Life Safety Narrative

State employees, students at state operated schools and colleges, and residents at state operated facilities, who have mobility impairments do not have a 2nd accessible means of egress (or area of refuge) in fires, in a small number of state owned facilities.



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Critical Legal Liability Yes

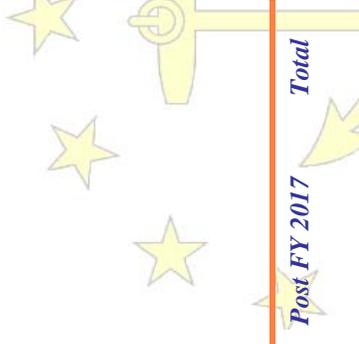
Critical Legal Liability Narrative

The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, RIGL 42-87 Civil Rights of People with Disabilities, RIGL 37-8-15 Public Buildings - Access for People with Disabilities and RIGL 42-46-13 Open Meetings - Accessibility for persons with disabilities; all require independent access to all programs, activities, and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. There are still structural barriers to some programs at the state owned (DCYF & BHDDH) residential treatment facilities, Pastore Center facilities, state colleges, DEM facilities, the State House and the training facility at the Johnston computer center.

Prior Binding Commitment No

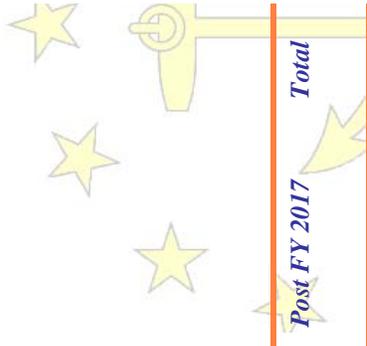
Prior Binding Commitment Narrative

FY 2013 - FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan Request System Agency Request vs. Plan



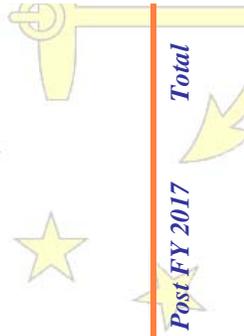
Funding Source	Pre FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	Post FY 2017	Total
Agency 022 GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES									
Project: FR1 Handicapped Accessibility - Facility Renovations									
Status: Plan									
P.L. 1989 Ch. 552 - Issued	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
P.L. 1990 Ch. 434 - Issued	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$1,038,276	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,288,276
Subtotal Plan	\$3,038,276	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,288,276
Status: Request									
P.L. 1989 Ch. 552 - Issued	\$2,817,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,817,968
P.L. 1990 Ch. 434 - Issued	\$2,783,003	\$34,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,817,971
G.O. New Referenda	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$821,276	\$467,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,538,276
Subtotal Request	\$6,422,247	\$501,968	\$250,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,174,215

FY 2013 - FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan Request System Plan - Project Financing



Financing	Pre FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	Post FY 2017	Total
Project Name:	FR1 Handicapped Accessibility - Facility Renovations								
Project Identifier	FR1								
Priority Ranking:	1								
Status:	Request								
RI Capital Plan Fund	\$821,276	\$467,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,538,276
Status:	Request								
G.O. New Referenda	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Status:	Request								
P.L. 1990 Ch. 434 - Issued	\$2,783,003	\$34,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,817,971
Status:	Request								
P.L. 1989 Ch. 552 - Issued	\$2,817,968	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,817,968
Subtotal	\$6,422,247	\$501,968	\$250,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,174,215

FY 2013 - FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan Request System Project Costs



Financing	Pre FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	Post FY 2017	Total
Agency 022 GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES									
Project Name: FR1 Handicapped Accessibility - Facility Renovations									
Project Identifier FR1									
Priority Ranking: 1									
Architectural and Engineering	\$1,032,609	\$247,750	\$24,775	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,305,134
Percent for Arts	\$63,130	\$2,255	\$2,250	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$167,635
Facility Improvements/Renovations	\$5,326,508	\$251,963	\$222,975	\$4,450,000	\$4,450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,701,446
Subtotal	\$6,422,247	\$501,968	\$250,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,174,215



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MOTION: To Adopt the FY 2013 - 2017 Accessibility Renovation Capital Budget Request, as presented RMcM/AP passed unanimously



Presentation graphic

Status Reports:

Purpose/Goal: To update the Commissioners on the status of Commission activities, since the last meeting.



Balancing Budget graphic

Commission Operations & Executive Committee	Tim Flynn, Chair	5:40
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The Commission achievements were many, as the following Committee Reports show. The Chair and Executive Secretary met with the Director of the Department of Administration regarding our “Promoting Independence and Employment First” report, distributed copies to the General Officers, Department Directors, General Assembly Leaders and Finance Committee members, and advocates. The Chair and Executive Secretary met with the Governor’s Policy Staff, Budget Director, and Deputy Controller on the Governor’s Program Management Initiative. The Chair, Executive Secretary and Assistant ADA Coordinator met with the Department of Administrator’s facilities management administrators on the lack of accessible parking and safe paths of travel to the State House and other Capitol Hill facilities.



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Accessibility	Ronald McMinn, Vice Chair	5:50
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Accessibility Committee’s FY 2011 Annual Report

FY 11 Achievements:

- ♿ State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator have resolved over 105 informal and formal accessibility complaints.
- ♿ State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator have conducted 10 trainings educating over 500 people including over 200+ Department of Transportation Design & Construction Engineers.
- ♿ State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator provided over 1200 requests for technical assistance via phone, email and in-person.
- ♿ State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator investigated over 30 cases of possible disability discrimination/ barriers to access. All cases resolved or found non-discriminatory.
- ♿ Six (6) communities surveyed for open meeting accessibility with the aide of an accessibility fellow. Over 10 open meeting accessibility violations/ deficiencies assessed and resolved.
- ♿ All state agencies (approximately 50 locations) were surveyed for open meeting accessibility with the aide of an accessibility fellow. Over 75 violations/ deficiencies accessed and resolved.
- ♿ Continued active role supporting the Rhode Island Department of Health and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency thru the RI Special Needs Workgroup & Registry.
- ♿ \$250,000 spent in capital project improvements statewide ADA Project Involvement: Gorton Pond Fishing Pier, Green Lane Rd Project, Cole Middle School in E. Greenwich, Chariho Middle School Renovation, URI Door Hardware Project, Fishing Cove School Playground, Diamond Hill Rd, Bristol Rt. 114 Project and Woonasquatucket Avenue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♿ Asst. ADA Coordinator continues with appointment to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation ADA Committee as an accessibility liaison. Over 100 projects reviewed, countless barriers removed prior to construction. Coordination and ADA expertise on projects has saved MILLIONS. ♿ State ADA & Asst. ADA Coordinator have reviewed 20 architectural plans and identified 11 barriers to accessibility. All were resolved without issue. <p>FY 11 Barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♿ Limited staff for volume and number of complaints, enforcement activities, and training required of the position. ♿ Economic times limit some normally achievable accessibility solutions ♿ Request for second fellow position, AmeriCorps volunteer or intern. ♿ Lack of direct enforcement activities (Fines, Summons, Statutory Power) ♿ Request for future enforcement ability statewide for disability parking ♿ Limited capital budget funding & purchasing procedures which obstruct spending of available funds
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	Disability Business Enterprises	Andrew Argenbright, Chair	6:00
<p style="text-align: center;">Disability Business Enterprises Committee's FY 2011 Annual Report</p> <p>FY 11 Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Held an exhibit at the Every Company Counts' "We Mean Business" expo (Sept. 2010) ➤ Had an exhibit table the East Bay Chamber of Commerce marketing event held at Roger Williams University (Sept. 2010) ➤ Spoke at Central Chamber of Commerce meeting (Oct. 2010) ➤ Exhibited at the Government Career Fair which targets college students at Johnson & Wales University (Nov. 2010) ➤ Mailed certificates to DBEs approved in December's DBE Committee Meeting (Dec 2010). ➤ Created letters and certificates for DBE's who application forms were received after the December's DBE Committee Meeting (Dec 2010). ➤ Created and submitted the list of Certified DBEs to purchasing. (Jan 2011) ➤ Summarized DBE quarterly data (July, Oct, Jan, April) ➤ Participated with Terry Thoeke in the House Finance Committee hearing on House bill S 0352 March, 2011) ➤ Reviewed revised Senate and House DBE bills, S0352 as amended and H5330, respectfully (March 2011) ➤ Held a "Meet & Greet" Breakfast meeting for the DBEs (May 2011) ➤ Attended the Gov. Workforce Board Meeting (June 2011) ➤ Met/Communicated with several DBEs (Corliss, Ed LeDoux, Trudeau Center, Cove (Grodan), Maher, BetterShred) regarding issues unique to them. <p>FY 11 Barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lack of regulations to support DBE legislation ➤ Other job duties 			

	Election Assistance Committee	Rosemary Carmody, Chair	6:10
<p style="text-align: center;">Election Committee's 2011 Annual Report</p> <p>FY 11 Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ State ADA Coordinator and Asst. ADA Coordinator have surveyed and supervised 5 polling places modification/ accessibility projects. 			

- ✓ Past election surveys jumpstarted several construction & renovation projects including identifying a significant need for an increase in disability parking at ALL polling locations
- ✓ Staff members continue to coordinate with the RI Board of Elections to register those in the disability community to vote.
- ✓ Committee working to recruit poll-workers with disabilities to increase poll accessibility and job-availability.
- ✓ Renewed contract with RIDVP for the fiscal year 2012.
- ✓ Project funding awarded to the Town of South Kingstown to install a new lift at Curtis Corner School polling location.

FY 11 Barriers:

- ✓ State purchasing procedures obstruct spending of available federal HAVA funding.
- ✓ Re-districting of voting boundaries with delayed timeline makes polling place surveying and increasing accessibility (spending federal \$) almost impossible.
- ✓ Lack of staffing & personnel resources to re-survey all polling locations (in non-election years) for accessibility prior to the election.
- ✓ No-dedicated staff person to HAVA
- ✓ No Presidential budget recommendation for increasing or sustaining HAVA funding into the future.
- ✓ Busy schedules limit availability for committee meetings

FY 12 Issues:

- ✓ The Passage of Voter ID bills is a setback and complete surprise and
- ✓ The RI Disability Vote Project
 - The loss of Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds and the effect it will have on going forward We lost CCHD because they wanted us too incorporate as a stand alone 501c3 and adhere to ALL their/Catholic principles
 - The lost a lot of organization members who can't pay dues in this economy

New Election Laws:

S 400 Sub A & H 5680 ACTS RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER

IDENTIFICATION would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote at a primary election, special election or general election, shall provide proof of identity. In the event such person fails to provide the required proof of identity, this act would provide that the person may vote a provisional ballot upon completing a provisional ballot application and the local board shall determine the validity of the provisional ballot.

S 0341 Sub A as Amended & H 5661 Sub A as Amended ACTS RELATING TO ELECTIONS would amend the provisions of the general laws to provide that all voting polls in the state, except New Shoreham, open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. (polls had been closing at 9 p.m.).

S 391 Sub A & H 5933 Sub A ACTS RELATING TO ELECTIONS would provide that a person who has not registered to vote, or whose registration has been canceled may cast a vote for president and vice-president on election day at his or her city or town hall or alternate location designated by the board of canvassers and approved by the board of elections in a location deemed necessary to better accommodate such voters.

S 392 Sub A as Amended & H 5748 Sub A as Amended ACTS RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS would revise and amend the procedures for voting by mail ballot. It revises the; eligibility for mail ballots; Requirements for

validity of mail ballot and mail ballot applications; Requirements for validity of emergency mail ballots and emergency mail ballots; Voting from hospitals, convalescent homes, nursing homes, rest homes or similar institutions public or private within the State of Rhode Island -- Penalty for interference. Official state blank ballots; and Certification envelopes for mail ballots of persons intimately connected with military service and persons employed outside of the United States.

S 399 Sub A as Amended & H 5653 Sub A as Amended ACTS RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE act would make changes relating to the primaries for election of delegates to national conventions and for presidential preference. The date of the presidential primary would shift from the first Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday I April.

Election Law Bills that did not pass: S 394 & H 5804 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS would increase the number of voters served by the same polling place from 1,900 voters to 4,000 voters or the local election board can increase the number of votes at a single voting place above 4000 voters).

FFY 2011 Help America Vote Act Request for Proposals

The US Department of Health and Human Services has issued a request for proposal for federal fiscal year 2011. If the Commission updated is current FFY 2010 application it would read as follows:

On June 23, 2003 Secretary of State, Matthew A. Brown, as the Chief State Election Official of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, designated the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, as the organizational unit of state government to implement Section 261 of Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities.

The Commission expects to continue collaborating with the RI Disability Law Center (recipient of the Section 291 funding), the Secretary of State's Election Division (recipient of the Section 101 funding), and the State Board of Elections in meeting the requirements of sections A, B, C and D of EAID. Through this partnership, all four entities will be well poised to train elections officials and provide pertinent, focused and timely information to voters with disabilities about their opportunities, options, and rights at polling places and sites of voter registration. Such collaboration will reduce duplication, avoid sending cross-messages, and ensure greater awareness of the rights of voters with disabilities to cast their ballot independently and in secret.

Requirement A: Making polling places, including the path of travel, entrances, exits, and voting areas of each polling facilities, accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities.

With Pre-FY 2011 EAID funding, the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities shall assist the local boards of canvassers ensure complete accessibility for people with a full range of disabilities by:

1. Assisting local boards in choosing accessible sites and encouraging community-based providers of services to people with disabilities to offer their sites as polling places;
2. Surveying potential new polling site on an as-needed basis to certify compliance with the HAVA accessibility guidelines;
3. Providing technical assistance in designing the removal of any barriers to access found at the polling sites;
4. Awarding grants to local boards of canvassers to fund accessibility renovations at polling places; and
5. Monitor the renovations to ensure compliance with the DOJ's ADA Checklist for Polling Places, through either permanent renovations or temporary solutions for election days.

Requirement B: Provide the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) to individuals with a full range of disabilities.

With Pre-FY 2011 EAID funding, the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities and RI Disability Law Center will:

1. Continue funding the RI Disability Vote Project to:
 - a) Provide outreach about polling place accessibility, availability, and opportunity to people with disabilities throughout the state;
 - b) Conduct a public awareness campaign to help voting awareness amongst people with disabilities; and/or
 - c) Recruit people with disabilities to serve as trained poll workers.
2. Maintain the Election Assistance Committee of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, as an advisor to the Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Disabilities, the RI Disability Law Center, the Secretary of State's Election Division, and the State Board of Elections' ongoing attempts to ensure polling site accessibility and greater participation by people with disabilities in the electoral process. The Committee includes representatives from: RI Department of Administration, Office of Personnel Administration; National Federation of the Blind of RI; Opportunities Unlimited for People With Differing Abilities, Inc; RI Department of Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services; Secretary of State's Office, Elections Division; RI Disability Law Center; RI Board of Elections; RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; RI Department of Human Services, Assistive Technology Access Partnership; CranstonArc; & RI Disability Vote Project.

With **FY 2011 EAID Funding**, the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities in partnership with the RI Disability Law Center, Secretary of State's Election Division, and the State Board of Elections will:

3. Conduct a mass mailing to recipients of state services to individuals with disabilities (disability parking permits, Medicaid - long term home and community services, rehabilitation services, etc.) regarding their right to equal access and participation in the voting process.
4. Recruit and train individuals with disabilities to conduct Election Day surveys of polling places and report barriers to voting to the State Board of Elections and the RI Disability Law Center.

Requirement C: Train election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with a full range of disabilities.

With Pre-FY 2011 EAID funding, the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities, the RI Disability Law Center and the State Board of Elections developed a poll worker training video that is used by the State Board of Elections in their mandatory training of all election officials and poll place workers.

Requirement D: Provide individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about the accessibility of polling places.

With Pre-FY 2011 EAID funding, the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities and RI Disability Law Center will continue funding the RI Disability Vote Project to:

1. Provide outreach about polling place accessibility, availability, and opportunity to people with disabilities throughout the state;
2. Conduct a public awareness campaign to help voting awareness amongst people with disabilities;
3. Develop training modules to be used by consumer organizations and providers of services for people with disabilities to better prepare people with disabilities to vote independently and in secret; and/or
4. Recruit people with disabilities to serve as trained poll workers.

In these ways, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations is confident that we can fulfill the basic requirements of the Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act. In addition, we are placing a premium on reaching out to a wide variety of community partners, both fiscally and programmatically. We believe our dual approach of retaining certain responsibilities in-house and subcontracting out others will maximize both the impact and

import of the HAVA money.

The Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Disabilities working in collaboration with the RI Disability Law Center, the Secretary of State's Election Division, and the State Board of are fully capable of meeting the multiple grant-reporting requirements for Section 261 of the HAVA. This includes annual reporting using the Financial Status Report (SF-269-A) as well as an annual report describing how the payment received was used with regard to the four categories of activities.



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MOTION: To Authorize the submission of an FFY 2011 HAVA Grant Proposal, SB/AP passed unanimously



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Employment Committee

Patricia Ryherd, Chair

6:20

Employment Committee' FY 2011 Annual Report

FY 11 Achievements:

- Coordinated and held 2 College and University- Increasing Employment Opportunities meetings. Topics were R.I. Labor Market (Nov. 2010) and Schedule A - Increasing Federal Employment for People with Disabilities (April 2011)
- Organizing College and University- Increasing Employment Opportunities meetings on Mental Health (May - ongoing)
- Presented the ADA and You at Work training to 20 students from URI (Dec. 2010) and 16 students from URI's Students for a More Accessible Campus (SMAC) in April 2011
- Presented ADA Title I to participants in the Supporting Meaningful Employment Program (Dec. 2010)
- Held an exhibit at the Every Company Counts' "We Mean Business" expo (Sept. 2010)
- Presented an overview of the GCD emphasizing Title I to Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) (Sept. 2010)
- Had an exhibit table the East Bay Chamber of Commerce marketing event held at Roger Williams University (Sept. 2010)
- Spoke at Central Chamber of Commerce meeting (Oct. 2010)
- Participated the "Employee First Summit" which the GCD co- sponsored (Oct. 2010)
- Participated BLN meeting at New England Tech (Nov. 2010). The GCD's Employment Committee was a sponsor of the meeting.
- Exhibited at the Government Career Fair which targets college students at Johnson & Wales University (Nov. 2010).
- Attended BLN meeting at New England Tech (Nov. 2010). The GCD's Employment Committee was a sponsor of the meeting.
- Title I regulations to support ADA AAA were finally approved therefore the ADA AAA presentations were all modified.
- Participated in nine audio conferences/webcasts as part the National ADA Certificate Program (roughly 75% complete) and as part of our NEADA requirements.
- Attended the Gov. Workforce Board Meeting (June 2011)
- Planning member of ADA 21st Anniversary Event (July 2011)

FY 11 Barriers:

- Quorums for the employment committee's scheduled meetings were difficult to obtain

- College and University meetings took longer than anticipated due to difficulty scheduling speakers
- Attendance at College and University meetings by College and University was poor at the meeting discussing the R.I. Labor Market
- Training sessions on the ADA with to the realtors was cancelled in Oct. June by the Realtors Association due to low enrollment
- Other job duties

ADA National Network Regional Centers Request for Proposals

The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services establishes a priority for the funding of 10 Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs) to serve as the ADA National Network Regional Centers (formerly known as Disability Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs)), one within each of the 10 U.S. Department of Education regions that cover the United States. Together, the 10 ADA National Network Regional Centers (ADA Regional Centers), along with the ADA National Network Knowledge Translation Center (ADA KT Center, funded under a separate priority) and the ADA Collaborative Research Projects (funded under a separate priority) will comprise the ADA National Network.

Each ADA Regional Center must ensure that all Web sites and information technology tools and products that the ADA Regional Center develops or maintains are in compliance with standards developed under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d).

Each ADA Regional Center must be designed to contribute to the following outcomes:

(a) Improved understanding by ADA stakeholders of their rights and responsibilities under the ADA. Each ADA Regional Center must contribute to this outcome by implementing a sustained program of outreach, training, technical assistance, information dissemination, and capacity building (collectively, ADA Network Services), aimed at ADA stakeholders, including local, regional, and national groups representing such stakeholders. NIDRR anticipates that ADA stakeholders will need information on both longstanding ADA requirements as well as recent legislative and regulatory changes affecting those requirements, such as the ADA Amendments Act, the revised title II and III regulations (29 CFR parts 35 and 36, respectively), the anticipated revisions to the title I regulations (29 CFR part 1630), and information on issues associated with ADA compliance in emerging areas such as access to information technologies and emergency management services. For purposes of this priority, the term “ADA stakeholders” refers to individuals and entities with rights and responsibilities under the ADA.

(b) Improved understanding of ADA stakeholders’ need for and receipt of ADA Network Services over time, including services to address emerging issues related to compliance with ADA requirements. Each of the 10 ADA Regional Centers must contribute to this outcome by--

(1) Entering, directly into the database maintained by the ADA KT Center, the required data about each of the ADA Network Services that it provides. These data must include, but are not limited to, (1) the ADA title or titles, regulations, and specific topics that are addressed by the ADA Network Services provided, (2) the modality of service provision (e.g., in-person presentation, webinar), and (3) non-personally identifiable information about the recipient or recipients of the ADA Network Services;

(2) Collaborating with the ADA KT Center to analyze data about ADA stakeholder requests for information and the services that the ADA Regional Center provides, and applying new knowledge from those analyses to further tailor and improve the provision of ADA Network Services; and

(3) Identifying and implementing other appropriate methods for assessing the needs of ADA stakeholders.

(c) Enhanced efficiency and effectiveness of ADA Network Services. Each of the ten ADA Regional Centers must contribute to this outcome by--

(1) Partnering with the ADA KT Center and other ADA Regional Centers to develop, provide, and distribute ADA training and technical assistance materials, and other informational products and services. These materials, products, and services include, but are not limited to, the ADA National Network Web site, as well as materials, products, and services that are relevant to ADA stakeholders in multiple regions.

(2) Attending and participating in the annual meetings of the ADA Regional Centers' Project Directors, to be held in Washington, DC.



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MOTION: To Authorize Support for ADA National Network Regional Centers Proposals, if the Commission will receive state affiliate funding, and the research component reflects the Commission' statutory responsibilities RMCM/AP passed unanimously



Legislation Committee

Bill Inlow, Vice Chair

6:30

The Legislation Committee's FY 2011 Annual Report

The Committee reviewed 322 Acts and Budget Articles

The Commission or the Committee took positions on 112 Acts, Budget Articles or Appropriations

➤ Its position was sustained on 65.5 items

+58.5%

➤ Its position was rejected on 46.5 items

-41.5%

Action	Status of the Legislative Package	RIPL#
Drafted Substitutes	1. Crisis Intervention Services for abuse non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impairments	
Testified	2. Bureau of Criminal Identification checks of in-home personal care service workers	
	3. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc.:	
Testified	a) Maintain the existing RIPTA/Ride service areas and	
Testified	b) Advocate for adequate funding;	
Service to start in the fall	c) Outside of the RIPTA/RIDE service areas/hours:	
	i) Monitor the startup of the RI Public Transit Authority's John J. MacDonald Jr. Transportation /New Freedom Initiative [accessible taxicabs] and	
Yes	d) Join the RI Coalition for Transportation Choices	
	4. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities:	
No action	a) Keep the children with special health care needs programs, the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism spectrum disorders eligibility rules	
Enacted	b) Expand the Sherlock (employee buy-in health care) Plan	253 & 241
No action	c) Keep the right to medically necessary brand name drugs without requiring two generic failures before allowing brand name drugs	
	5. Home Modifications (access changes) so family members with severe disabilities can remain at home rather than be placed in costly institutions:	
Testified	a) Increase funding to address the 1 - 2 year backlog and	
Introduced	b) Establish a Home Modifications Revolving Fund for People with Disabilities and the Elderly, similar to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	
Drafted Substitutes	6. Disability Business Enterprise program's purchasing rules are in place	
	7. Housing Support and other services for people with behavioral health concerns:	
Testified	a) Advocate for continued funding of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program	
Testified	b) Support the creation of a supportive housing program	
Monitoring	8. Affordable Care Act (national health care reform); watch the impact on people with special health care needs	
No action	9. Respite for Family Caregivers of non-elderly adults with non-developmental disabilities; advocate for expansion of services to cover the family caregivers of 22 - 60 year old adults	

0.5 Restoration of the House Finance Committee's proposed Reduction (+12.5%)

108. Eliminate Personal Choice Waiver Program - Jan 1. The House Finance Committee recommends eliminating the personal choices option under the global waiver for that provides home and community care services through the option and gives a monthly stipend to eligible individuals so they can hire who they chose to help with daily activities allowing them to remain in their own home. (savings GR \$423,006 + Fed \$464,394 = \$887,400)

3 Unsuccessful in Restoration of Budget Cuts (-87.5%)

138. Project Sustainability in the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. The House Finance Committee recommends further savings of \$10.5 million, including \$5.0 million from general revenues from Project Sustainability, a redesign of the current system of services for adults with developmental disabilities to align resources with individual needs and to pay per service for specific periods of time. (savings GR \$5,000,000 + Fed \$5,488,777 = \$10,488,777)

147. Early Childhood in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Governor recommends the enacted level of \$0.7 million for early childhood education programs. Funding will be used to increase access to voluntary, free, high quality pre-kindergarten programs. The House Finance Committee does not recommend funding this program in FY 2012.

199. Capital - Paratransit Vehicles in the Department of Transportation - RIPTA/RIde. The Governor's capital budget includes a total of \$190,400 from Rhode Island Capital Plan funds in FY 2012 to match federal funds and funds from the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for the replacement of paratransit vehicles, software upgrades and surveillance equipment. The House Finance Committee does not recommend use of Rhode Island Capital Plan funds for this project.

**The Commission Supported and/or Recommended the Governor Sign or
The Legislation Committee Found Beneficial these 57 Acts**

30 Signed by the Governor (+53%)

Public Law #:	Chapter 185	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 S 0022 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SAFETY BELT USE			
Public Law #:	Chapter 186	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 H 5449 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SAFETY BELT			
Public Law #:	Chapter 206	Effective	7 /1 /2011
11 S 0060 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WOMEN'S CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING AND RISK REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM			
Public Law #:	Chapter 232	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 H 5173 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WOMEN'S CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING AND RISK REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM			
Public Law #:	Chapter 175	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 S 0107 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS			
Public Law #:	Chapter 159	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 H 5275 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS			
Public Law #:	Chapter 252	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 S 0236 As Amended AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES			
Public Law #:	Chapter 234	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 H 5222 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES			
Public Law #:	Chapter 227	Effective	7 /1 /2011
11 S 0291 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS			
Public Law #:	Chapter 237	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 H 5440 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS			
Public Law #:	Chapter 169	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 S 0302 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF			
Public Law #:	Chapter 160	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 H 5799 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF			
Public Law #:	Chapter 331	Effective	7 /13/2011
11 S 0439 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS			
Public Law #:	Chapter 388	Effective	7 /13/2011
11 H 6055 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS			

Public Law #: Chapter 171	Effective	7 /30/2011
11 S 0471 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - LICENSING OF FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED		
Public Law #: Chapter 152	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 H 5852 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - LICENSING OF FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED		
Public Law #: Chapter 168	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 S 0677 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT		
Public Law #: Chapter 296	Effective	7 /12/2011
11 H 5626 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT		
Public Law #: Chapter 260	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 S 0770 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT ¹		
Public Law #: Chapter 261	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 S 0772 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS		
Public Law #: Chapter 244	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 H 5969 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS		
Public Law #: Chapter 238	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 H 5441 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES		
Public Law #: Chapter 240	Effective	7 /9 /2011
11 H 5455 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL		
Public Law #: Chapter 220	Effective	7 /1 /2011
11 H 0691 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL		
Public Law #: Chapter 300	Effective	7 /12/2011
11 H 5757 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS - MEDICAL PAROLE		
Public Law #: Chapter 176	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 S 0638 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - MEDICAL PAROLE		
Public Law #: Chapter 151	Effective	6 /30/2011
11 H 5894 Art. 20 (New Article) Sub A AN ARTICLE RELATING TO CORRECTIONS		
Public Law #: Chapter 348	Effective	7 /13/2011
11 S 0539 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - SUPPORT OF HOMELESS		
Public Law #: Chapter 359	Effective	7 /13/2011
11 H 6276 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - SUPPORT OF HOMELESS		
Public Law #: Chapter 088	Effective	6 /21/2011
11 S 0666 AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN		
1 Resolution Adopted (+2%)		
Public Law #: 171	Effective	3 /30/2011
11 H 5402 HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ESTABLISH AN OLMSTEAD DECISION TASK FORCE IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND		
1 Incorporated into another enacted bill (+2%)		
11 H 5444 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CHILD RESTRAINTS		
1 Vetoes by the Governor (- 2%)		
11 H 5276 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME ACT ¹		

¹ Governor has signed the Senate companion S 0770. The Governor's Veto Message: "Regrettably, the House and Senate versions of this bill were amended separately and inconsistently. Their language differs in a way unintended by the involved parties, requiring the disapproval of H 5276, Substitute A as amended. The Senate version of this bill, S 0770, Substitute A as amended, reflects the language agreed upon by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner and other stakeholders in the health care community. I wish to express my support for patient-centered medical homes, and my appreciation for the efforts of both House and Senate sponsors of this bill. Had the language of the two bills been the same, I would have without hesitation transmitted both bills with my signature. For the above technical reason only, I disapprove of the aforementioned legislation, H 5276 Substitute A as amended, and respectfully urge your support of this veto."

24 Still in Committee (-42%)

- 11 S 0148 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION FUND
11 H 5789 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION FUND
11 S 0571 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998
11 H 5913 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998
11 S 0121 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE
11 H 5089 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE POLICE
11 S 0881 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
11 H 6056 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
11 S 0460 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE
11 H 5798 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS
11 H 5324 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES
11 H 5393 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES
11 S 0952 As Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS
11 S 5886 AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS
11 S 0665 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CRIMINAL RECORDS BACKGROUND CHECKS
11 H 5294 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CRIMINAL RECORDS BACKGROUND CHECKS
11 H 5357 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES
11 H 5361 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES
11 S 0225 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT
11 S 0267 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS
11 S 0613 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
11 S 0241 AN ACT RELATING MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES
11 H 5506 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES
11 H 5519 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- HABITUAL OFFENDERS

Commission Supported or Legislation Committee found beneficial if amended 13 Acts or Budget Articles

9 Still in Committee (+64%)

- 11 H 5278 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 1995
11 S 0202 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 1995
11 H 5326 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM
11 S 0609 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM
11 S 0131 AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - RETURN TO WORK ACT
11 H 5041 AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - RETURN TO WORK ACT
11 S 0828 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES
11 H 5628 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES
11 H 5499 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S BOTTLES CONTAINING BISPHENOL A

4 Signed by the Governor that were not amended (-29%)

- | Public Law #: | Chapter 151 | Effective | 6 /30/2011 |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 11 H 5894 Art. 10 | Governor's Amendment | AN ARTICLE RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | |
| 11 H 5894 Art. 11 | As Amended | AN ARTICLE RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH ACCOUNT | |
| 11 H 5894 Art. 17 | (formerly Art. 31) Sub A | AN ARTICLE RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-- | |

ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Public Law #: Chapter 151

Effective

6 /30/2011

11 H 5894 Art. 22 Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
(formerly REGISTRATION FEES)

**The Commission Opposed and/or recommends the Governor veto, or
The Legislation Committee found Harmful these 22 Acts & Budget Articles
17 Still in Committee (+77%)**

11 H 5894 Art. 28 AN ARTICLE RELATING TO THE RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME
11 S 0432 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - BOARD OF REGENTS
11 H 5894 Art. 27 Governor's Amendment AN ARTICLE RELATING TO PHARMACEUTICAL
ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY
11 H 5525 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION
11 S 0053 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX
11 S 0522 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
11 H 6129 HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY
THE ISSUANCE OF HANDICAPPED DESIGNATED VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES
11 H 5544 AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS'
COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS
11 S 0433 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND
STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE
11 H 5057 AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID
11 H 5157 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX
11 H 5158 AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX
11 H 5374 AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID
11 H 5450 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION
11 H 5749 AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
11 H 5809 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

5 Signed by the Governor (-23%)

Public Law #: Chapter 212

Effective

7 /1 /2011

11 S 0203 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW
HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Public Law #: Chapter 250

Effective

7 /9 /2011

11 H 5632 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW
HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Public Law #: Chapter 201

Effective

7 /2 /2011

11 S 0400 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Public Law #: Chapter 199

Effective

7 /2 /2011

11 H 5680 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Public Law #: Chapter 151

Effective

6 /30/2011

11 H 5894 Art. 16 Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO THE MEDICAID REFORM ACT

The General Assembly hearing process this year was very "inaccessible". Committees had lengthy agendas and people having to leave before testifying because of RIde time limits or exhaustion. The Legislation Committee requests the Commission advocate for policy changes to ensure everyone's voice is heard.



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MOTION: To send correspondence to the Speaker of the House, Senate President, House and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and the Chairs of the House and Senate Rules Committee recommending a rules change to give priority to the testimony of persons with disabilities and elders who:

1. Must leave before 6 PM, since they are reliant on RIde service, or
2. Are unable to remain for several hours due to fatigue.

They should be allowed to testimony out of order, even before the specific bill is being heard. RMCM/RC passed unanimously

The schedule for the Public Forums was distributed and a sign up sheet was passed around for Commissioners to indicate which public forum they would attend as a panelist. (copy attached - page 25)			
State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights		Tim Flynn, Chair.	6:45
Discussion: The Committee has not met in several years. The Commission's bill to terminate the Committee passed out of the Senate but never had a hearing in the House.			
MOTION: To accept all committee reports as presented. AS/RMcM passed unanimously			
 Announcer graphic	Announcements		Tim Flynn 6:50
	The July 22 nd ADA Celebration Flyer was distributed (copy attached - page 26) Newport RIPTA site has been moved		
	The RIPTA public hearings on service cutbacks were discussed. (copy of service cutbacks and hearing schedule attached - page 27)		
	The Hearing Board will meet on Wednesday July 20 th at 3:30 PM to hear a request for Open Meeting Telecommunications Accommodation Waiver from the Westerly Town Council.		
The Chair appoints Sharon Brinkworth to the Hearing Board.			
 calendar graphic	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting		Tim Flynn 6:55
	Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: The standard Annual Meeting Agenda.		
	Next meeting will be on: Commission Annual Meeting Monday Sept 12 th 5 - 7 PM		
 alarm clock graphic	Adjournment		Tim Flynn 7:00
	MOTION: To adjourn at 6:52 PM RMcM/AP passed unanimously		
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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of People with Disabilities and their Families

Every year during the week of the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (July 26th) the Governor's Commission on Disabilities and over 20 other state and non-profit agencies conduct a week long series of public forums to hear the concerns of people with disabilities and their families.

The forums are open for anyone to come in and speak; representatives of the sponsoring agencies will be there to listen. It is important for state policy makers and planners to hear from people with disabilities and their families, their concerns about current services, needs that are not being addressed, and suggestions for improving services and expanding opportunities.

Monday July 25, 2011 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Barrington Public Library's Gallery Room, 281 County Road, Barrington
Hosted by the Brain Injury Association of RI

Tuesday July 26, 2011 1 - 3 pm

Warwick Public Library's Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick
Hosted by the Ocean State Center for Independent Living

Wednesday July 27, 2011 10 am - Noon

Cumberland Public Library's Hayden Meeting Center Room 1, 1464 Diamond Hill Road,
Cumberland
Hosted by PARI Independent Living Center

Wednesday July 27, 2011 2 - 4 pm

Middletown Public Library's Community Room, 700 West Main Road, Middletown
Hosted by Looking Upwards & Opportunities Unlimited

Thursday July 28, 2011 4 - 5 pm

Blackstone Valley Visitor Center 175 Main Street Pawtucket
Hosted by National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Rhode Island Chapter

Wednesday August 3, 2011 3 - 5 pm

Independent Square - 25 West Independence Way, Kingston
Hosted by the RI Parent Information Network

Thursday August 4, 2011 5 - 7 pm

RI Department of Administration's 2nd floor Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence
Hosted by the RI Department of Health's Office of Special Healthcare Needs

Comments may be made in person during the hearing, or you can e-mail disabilities@gcd.ri.gov,
fax 462-0106 or mail them by August 2nd to

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

John O. Pastore Center, 41 Cherry Dale Court,
Cranston, RI 02920-3049

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CART Recorders (real-time captioning) and assistive listening devices will be at all sites, courtesy of the Assistive Technology Access Partnership.

The RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide sign language interpreters; contact the CDHH (voice) 222-1204 or (tty) 222-1205 to confirm which forums will have interpreters.

When making the ADA reservation with RIde to get to and from the public forum, tell the RIde reservationist (1-800-479-6902) that this trip is for the Governor's Commission's Public Forums in order to guarantee your return trip, after normal RIde hours of operation. The ADA fare is still applicable.

For more information or to request accommodation needed, please call: 462-0100 at least 3 business days in advance; arrangements will be provided at no cost.

Requests for language interpreting should be made to 462-2130 at least 3 business days in advance.

Save the Date!

21st Anniversary Celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

FREE EVENT

Friday, July 22, 2011

11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Rhode Island Department of Administration (DOA)
One Capitol Hill – Atrium Level**

SPEAKERS * TRIVIA GAME * REFRESHMENTS* PRIZES * EXHIBITS



ADA is a living law. Join us to celebrate its birth and strengthen its force!

<p>The Corliss Center</p> 	<p>RI Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)</p> 	<p>RI Statewide Independent Living Council (RISILC)</p> 	<p>RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities (GCD)</p> 	<p>RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)</p> 
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SPONSORS WILL BE LISTED AND/OR RECOGNIZED

Donations appreciated – these will help support Awards, refreshments and other miscellaneous items. A letter of thanks will be provided. Please send checks to ADA 2011 co/Corliss Institute, Inc., 290 Main Street, Warren, RI, 02885 or go to www.corliss.org for online payment through Pay Pal***

**ASL Interpreters and CART: additional accommodations must be requested by July 16th
Question/Vendors: Please contact Lisel @ lrockwood@risilc.org**

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RIPTA to Hold 10 Public Hearings on Proposed Service Reductions Statewide

HIGH FUEL COSTS AND REDUCED REVENUE FROM STATE GAS TAX PRODUCE SHORTFALL AND DRIVE SERVICE REDUCTION PROPOSAL

Proposed Reductions Would Also Impact ADA Service

Hearings Scheduled for July 26th through August 2nd in Narragansett, Warwick, Bristol, Newport, and Providence

PROVIDENCE, RI, June 30, 2011...The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) will hold public hearings on proposed service reductions in all five Rhode Island counties on July 26th – July 28th, August 1st, and August 2, 2011. The Authority announced that the reductions in service statewide are due to a \$4.6 million shortfall for FY 2012 (which begins on July 1st) that is caused principally by a reduction in revenue from the state gas tax and the high cost of fuel to operate the system.

The proposed cuts would affect thirty-five (35) communities, thirty-nine (39) bus routes, Flex zones and Park n’ Ride service and include the following changes: eliminating routes or route segments; decreasing service frequency; ending service at 10 pm on weekdays on many routes; and shutting down service at 10 pm on weekends on many routes. As a result, no service would operate past 10 pm. RIPTA is also proposing to eliminate all Holiday Bus Service, all Flex Service in Narragansett and some Park n’ Ride service.

Additionally, because ADA service is offered within a ¼ mile corridor of fixed-route service, the Paratransit ADA service that RIPTA provides through the Ride Program may also be reduced wherever there is elimination of a route or segment of a route.

“This is a very painful undertaking for RIPTA. However due to current funding constraints we have no other choice but to consider cuts to service. RIPTA will be diligent in ensuring that these cuts cause minimal impact to our riders,” said RIPTA CEO Charles Odimgbe.

Pawtucket service will be greatly impacted by these proposed service cuts. Five of Pawtucket’s routes may be completely shut down on Saturday; four routes may cease to run on Sunday.

Schedule for Public Hearings

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 Time: 2pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm (change in location)		Wednesday, July 27, 2011 Burnside Building 400 Hope Street Bristol, RI 02809 Time: 2pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm	
Newport City Hall Council Chambers 43 Broadway Newport, RI 02840	Newport CCRI Campus Auditorium One John H. Chafee Blvd. Newport, RI 02840		
Thursday, July 28, 2011 Warwick City Hall Council Chambers 3275 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886 Time: 2pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm		Monday, August 1, 2011 University of Rhode Island Feinstein Providence Campus Auditorium 80 Washington Street Providence, RI 02903 Time: 2pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8pm	
Tuesday, August 2, 2011 Narragansett Town Hall Assembly Room 25 Fifth Avenue Narragansett, RI 02882 Time: 2pm - 4pm & 6pm - 8:00pm			

A 72-hour notice is required for persons with sensory impairment requiring auxiliary aids at public hearings. To request this service, members of the public should contact the RIPTA ADA Coordinator at 401-784-9553 (TDD) or 800-745-5555 (RI Relay TDD).

The proposed service reductions include the elimination of routes, or route segments, or service as follows:

ELMINATION OF ALL SERVICE ON HOLIDAYS	
<u>COMPLETE Elimination of Regular Route and Flex Service</u> Rte. 8 Jefferson Boulevard Rte. 29 Kent County Rte. 32 West Barrington Rte. 53 Smithfield Avenue Rte. 73 Fairlawn/CCRI Rte. 75 Dexter/Lincoln Mall Rte. 80 Armistice Boulevard Rte. 203 Narragansett Flex	<u>Elimination of ALL WEEKEND Service</u> Rte. 76 Central Avenue <u>Elimination of Saturday Service</u> Rte. 14 West Bay Rte. 13 Arctic/Washington Rte. 64 URI/Newport Rte. 79 Columbus Avenue
<u>Service Ends at 10 pm on Weekdays</u> Rte. 1 Eddy Street Rte. 11 Broad Street Rte. 17 Dyer/Pocasset Rte. 19 Plainfield Street Rte. 20 Elmwood Ave. Rte. 22 Pontiac Ave. Rte. 27 Manton Ave. Rte. 28 Hartford Ave. Rte. 31 Cranston St. Rte. 33 Riverside Rte. 34 East Providence Rte. 42 Hope Street Rte. 50 Douglas Ave. Rte. 52 Branch Ave. (All Friday Only tips) Rte. 54 Woonsocket Rte. 55 Admiral Street Rte. 56 Chalkstone Ave. Rte. 57 Smith Street Rte. 60 Newport/Providence Rte. 66 URI/Galilee Rte. 78 Beverage Hill Rte. 99 Providence/Pawtucket	<u>Elimination of Sunday Service</u> Rte. 34 East Providence Rte. 35 Rumford Rte. 52 Branch Avenue Rte. 77 Benefit/Broadway <u>Service Ends at 10 pm on BOTH Saturday & Sunday</u> Rte. 11 Broad Street Rte. 54 Woonsocket Rte. 60 Newport/Providence Rte. 66 URI/Galilee Rte. 99 Providence/Pawtucket <u>Service Ends at 10 pm on Saturday</u> Rte. 1 Eddy Street Rte. 19 Plainfield Street Rte. 23 Pasotore/Malls/CCRI Rte. 27 Manton Ave. Rte. 28 Hartford Ave. Rte. 31 Cranston St. Rte. 42 Hope Street Rte. 52 Branch Ave. Rte. 55 Admiral Street Rte. 56 Chalkstone Ave. Rte. 57 Smith Street Rte. 78 Beverage Hill
Route Segment Eliminations	Eliminated Segment
Rte. 1 Eddy Street	All service beyond Providence city line
Rte. 19 Plainfield Street	Discontinue Atwood Avenue Service
Rte. 27 Manton Ave.	All service beyond Providence city line on Weekends
Rte. 28 Hartford Ave.	All service beyond Providence city line on Weekends
Rte. 57 Smith Street	All service beyond Providence city line on Weekends
Park n' Ride Eliminations	
Rte. 90 (Chopsist Hill)	1 Roundtrip
Rte. 90 (Exit 7/Route # 117)	1 Roundtrip
Rte. 90 (Westerly)	1 Roundtrip
Reduction in Trip Frequency or Number of Trips	
Rte. 9 Pascoag	Service reductions
Rte. 13 Arctic/Washington	Weekday service reduced by 50%
Rte. 14 West Bay	Service reductions
Rte. 34 East Providence	Service reductions
Rte. 66 URI/Galilee	Sunday & Saturday service reduced by 50%