



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 12, 2011 5 - 7 PM

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	<p>Attendees: R. Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Andrew Argenbright; Sharon Brinkworth; Frederick Burke; Christopher Butler; Rosemary Carmody; Marylousie Gamache; Roger Harris; William Inlow; Ronald McMinn; James Pitassi; Arthur Plitt; Patricia Ryherd; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Angelina Stabile; Theresa Thoelke; & Linda Ward</p> <p>Absent: Dr. Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair.); Jeanne Behie; Joseph Cirillo; Dr. Judith Drew; Msgr. Gerard Sabourin</p>
<p>Staff:</p>	<p>Bob Cooper, Exec. Secretary, Emily Crowell, Mary Brennan Public Policy Fellow</p>

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
	<p>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</p>	<p>R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson</p>	<p>5:00</p>
	<p>Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:05 Introductions of Commissioners and guests</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented RH/AP</p>		

Action Items:			
	<p>Adoption of the Commission's Fiscal Years Budget Requests and Operational Plan</p>	<p>Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary</p>	<p>5:05</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: To adopt the Commission's Fiscal Years 2011 Revised Budget & FY 2012 Budget Requests and the FY 2011 & 2012 Operational & Performance Management Plans</p>			
<p>Discussion: The Budget Officer has sent the following to all state agencies: "Accompanying this memo (via email) are the current services calculations for FY2013, as were referenced in the July 25, 2011 memo on the budget instructions. The current services calculations make adjustments for various statewide items, such 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 the current services adjustments are made, the Budget Office is projecting total expenditures for FY 2013 of \$3.407 billion. Preliminary projected revenues for FY 2013 are \$3.193 billion, net of the transfer of 3.0% to the Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Fund. This leaves a funding gap of almost \$213.4 million. The major driver, accounting for almost half of this projected</p>			

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<p>deficit, is the increase in the retirement contribution for both state employees and the state share of teacher retirement costs, based on the current actuarial rates and assumptions.</p> <p>As stated in the budget instructions that were previously distributed, the Budget Office is requesting just a current services level budget request from each agency at this time. Although it is clear from the data shown above that reductions to expenditures will be needed to balance the budget, it is our expectation that options will come out of the Performance Management initiative and other direct discussions with agencies.</p> <p>Due to the request for only a one level budget this year, I am asking all agencies adhere to the October 1 submission deadline. The earlier my office receives agency budget requests, the more time that is available for review and development of recommendations and options for discussion with Governor Chafee.”</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Budget Proposal Notes:</p> <p><u>State Funds</u></p> <p>The Commission can meet its “Current Service Level” targets as long as the Commission continues to receive the federal funds at the FY 2011 level of expenditure.</p> <p>Operating costs have been projected by taking the average of the past 7 year expenditure history and multiplying that by the consumer product index of 1.8% (in FY 2012) and 3.6% (for FY 2013), and rounding upwards to \$5 or \$10.</p> <p><u>New General Revenue Items:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both the FY 2012 Revised and the FY 2013 Budget Requests contain funds to reinstate cleaning services at the office. The Executive Secretary is in the process of determining the “Fair Market Value” of having the office professionally cleaned. The proposed amount requested in FY 2012 Revised is \$4,500 and for FY 2013 \$5,000. These amounts will be adjusted once the Fair Market Value has been determined. The proposed budget is above the budget targets for both years by that amount for cleaning services. 2. The Commission’s Volunteer Webmaster will no longer be available. We need to recruit a new webmaster to update and maintain the site. Funding for website maintenance training is included for: FY 2012 \$170 and FY 2013 \$300, in order to have a minimum level of skill to simple replace dated items, once the site is initially brought up to date. 		
<p><u>Federal Grants</u></p> <p>The available NE ADA Technical Assistance Grant funds will be shrinking to \$25,500 (and may disappear entirely later this year). In either case, the changes will require the Commission to utilize considerably more HAVA funding for staff wages & benefits.</p> <p>HAVA funding, the Commission has been awarded but not spent \$500,000. All these funds must be spent within 5 federal fiscal years. The plan is to expend about \$100, 000 each year.</p> <p>The RI Disability Vote Project lay off its only employee. The Commission has provided most of the RIDVP’s funds; the GCD staff could perform some of the RIDVP activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Executive Committee recommends the allocation of 10% of the Assistant ADA Coordinator (Employment) staff hours to HAVA funding for Voter Photo ID and Voter Education/Registration outreach (162 hrs/yr). The table below shows the changes in staffing levels compared to the average staffing since 2006. The “FY 2012 & 2013 Weighed Average columns below show that average adjusted for the decrease in staff since 2008. ➤ The staff funded ADA Technical Assistance hours would still exceed the Commission’s Maintenance of Effort requirements in the NE ADA Contract. 		

Staff Hours by Performance Management "Program"	FY 06 Actual	FY 07 Actual	FY 08 Actual	FY 09 Actual	FY 10 Actual	FY 11 Actual	FY 2012 Weighted Average	FY 2012 [A] Current Service Level	FY 2013 Weighted Average	FY 2013 [B] Current Service Level
Advocacy	1,165	1,467	1,963	729	819	962	1,066	839	1,071	843
Accessibility	3,639	3,258	1,988	2,498	2,960	2,105	2,468	2,668	2,478	2,632
Voting	649	837	189	124	97	786	402	608	404	660
Employment	1,586	1,710	1,091	1,659	1,194	1,317	1,284	1,164	1,289	1,169
Disability Business Enterprises	29	72	5	6	426	224	114	291	115	292
Administrative Support	1,576	1,530	1,306	688	825	752	1,002	764	1,006	767
Grand Total	8,642	8,874	6,542	5,704	6,321	6,146	6,335	6,334	6,363	6,363
Maximum Available Staff Hours							6,335	6,335	6,363	6,363
Weighted Average Factor							90%		90%	
Difference from weighted average										
Advocacy								(227)		(228)
Accessibility								200		154
Voting								206		256
Employment								(120)		(120)
Disability Business Enterprises								177		177
Administrative Support								(238)		(239)

NE ADA Center Grant Maintenance of Effort (MoE)	Accessibility Technical Assistance		Employment Technical Assistance	
	FY 12	FY 13	FY 12	FY 13
Fiscal Year				
State Funded ADA Maintenance of Effort annual hours	1,643	1,643	1,155	1,155
Total State funded annual hours	2,050	1,993	1,164	1,169
Total Grant funded annual hours	363	382	-	-
Difference from the State Funded ADA Maintenance of Effort	407	350	9	14
Combined Total Employee Hours	2,413	2,375	1,164	1,169
Combined Historic Average Hours	2,468	2,468	1,284	1,284
Full Time Equivalent Staffing	1.30	1.49	0.72	0.72

Assistance & Grants							
	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13
Advocacy & Public Awareness							
Mary Brennan (Policy)	\$6,900	\$3,450	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900
Edward Schroeder (Legislation)	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450
Accessibility (General Revenue)							
G. Frank Hanaway (Architectural Access)		\$2,588	\$3,450				
NE ADA Grant							
G. Frank Hanaway (Architectural Access)				\$4,724	\$5,516		
Help America Vote Act Grant							
G. Frank Hanaway (Architectural Access)			\$3,450			\$0	\$3,450
Voter Education & Awareness	\$44,145	\$16,973	\$15,382	\$34,726	\$38,000	\$31,844	\$18,557
Outreach training Mini-grants					\$2,000		
Ride Mailing & Transportation					\$1,907	\$1,000	\$2,050
Polling place surveyors					\$4,606	\$4,700	\$6,347
Polling Place Renovation Grants	\$36,861	\$2,150	\$30,479		\$13,184	\$20,000	\$20,000

Changes from the FY 2012 Enacted Budget to the Recommended FY 2012 Revised Budget Request

Expenditure Plan Adjustments	FY 2012	FY 2012	Change	Explanation
Account	Enacted	Revised		
Subprogram 1. GCD Operations: 022.2585101				
Salary/Wages and Other Compensation	230,036	229,469	(567)	Shift a 0.10 FTE to HAVA Grant
Employee Benefit Programs	117,815	118,266	451	Shift a 0.10 FTE to HAVA Grant
Buildings & Grounds: Cleaning Services	0	1,832	1,832	Office cleaning once a week
Interpreters/Translators	1,934	947	(987)	Adjust interpreters for the deaf/CART recorders to historic average + CPI [1.8%]
Building Maintenance and Repairs	0	400	400	Repair damage to ceiling and walls
Waste Disposal	0	360	360	Recycling & Shredding of paper at MPA rate
Non-Building Related Maintenance and Repairs	497	600	103	Service contract for multifunction printer/copier/scanner/fax
Janitorial Supplies and Equipment	0	70	70	Cleaning supplies
Subscriptions	1,360	1,405	45	Adjusted to 2011 subscription rate
Postage and Postal Services	2,101	2,224	123	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Printing Services Provided by State Agencies	484	480	(4)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Miscellaneous Expenses	40	60	20	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Staff Training	216	250	34	Website maintenance training, no longer have volunteer webmaster
Insurance	2,743	3,020	277	Adjusted to 2011 projected rate
Water expenditure for water consumption	0	100	100	Portable water at MPA rate
Mileage Allowance - Personally Owned Vehicles	583	800	217	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Other Travel-related Costs	28	50	22	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
ISF Overhead/Service Charges	1,361	455	(906)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Fees: Notary Public	82	85	3	Adjusted to 2011 fee
Subprogram Total	361,661	362,885	1,594	
Subprogram 2. Mary Brennan Fellowships: 022.2585102				
Other Grants	10,350	10,350	0	No changes
Subprogram Total	10,350	10,350	0	
Subprogram 3. DBE: 022.2585104				
Salary/Wages and Other Compensation	9,890	10,472	582	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Employee Benefit Programs	4,961	4,207	(754)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Interpreters/Translators	1,541	204	(1,337)	Adjust interpreters for the deaf/CART recorders to historic average + CPI
Printing - Outside Vendors	239	200	(39)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Mileage Allowance - Personally Owned Vehicles	104	105	1	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Other Travel-related Costs	40	20	(20)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
ISF Overhead/Service Charges	383	669	286	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Subprogram Total	16,775	15,551	(1,224)	
Federal Accounts				
Subprogram 4. NE ADA: 022.2590101				
Salary/Wages and Other Compensation	24,745	11,383	(13,362)	Reduced staff hours to available funding
Employee Benefit Programs	12,743	5,925	(6,818)	Reduced staff hours to available funding
Interpreters/Translators	1,698	1,000	(698)	Adjust interpreters for the deaf/CART recorders to historic average + CPI
Printing - Outside Vendors	180	210	30	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Staff Training	347	350	3	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Statewide Savings Offset	90	0	(90)	Disbursed to appropriate natural accounts
Mileage Allowance - Personally Owned Vehicles	1,970	1,900	(70)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Out-of-State Travel	0	1,500	1,500	Grantor designated out-of-state staff training
Other Travel-related Costs	109	45	(64)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
ISF Overhead/Service Charges	211	215	4	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Fees: Single Audit	18	17	(1)	Adjusted to projected receipt of grant funds
Subprogram Total	42,111	22,545	(19,566)	
Subprogram 5. HAVA: 022.2590102				
Salary/Wages and Other Compensation	6,339	19,788	13,449	Increased staff hours for new Voter

Expenditure Plan Adjustments	FY 2012	FY 2012		
Account	Enacted	Revised	Change	Explanation
Employee Benefit Programs	3,264	9,609	6,345	Photo ID awareness activities Increased staff hours for new Voter
Interpreters/Translators	2,327	500	(1,827)	Photo ID awareness activities Adjust interpreters for the deaf/CART
Office Supplies and Equipment (less than \$5000)	350	370	20	recorders to historic average + CPI
Postage and Postal Services	0	1,350	1,350	Adjusted to historic average + CPI Mass mailing of HAVA Voting Rights of
Print Advertising	0	7,915	7,915	citizens with disabilities
Printing - Outside Vendors	1,102	1,000	(102)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Statewide Savings Offset	23	0	(23)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Mileage Allowance - Personally Owned Vehicles	590	405	(185)	Disbursed to appropriate natural accounts
Out-of-State Travel	2,216	1,305	(911)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Other Travel-related Costs	41	140	99	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Fees: Single Audit	75	75	0	Adjusted to projected receipt of grant funds
Other Grants	123,404	57,544	(65,860)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Subprogram Total	139,731	100,000	(39,731)	Reduced to match available funding
Restricted Accounts				
Subprogram 6. Technical Assistance: 022.2595101				
Stenographic Services for Court or Public Hearings	77	76	(1)	
Interpreters/Translators	2,075	2,394	319	Adjust CART recorders to historic average + CPI
Print Advertising	6,774	6,775	1	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Miscellaneous Expenses	338	115	(223)	Adjusted to historic average + CPI
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	2,000	2,000	Purchase of printer & CPU memory
Subprogram Total	9,264	11,360	2,096	
Other Accounts				
Subprogram 7. RICAP 022.7022101				
Capital Budget (RICAP and Bond Accounts)	250,000	0	(250,000)	Disbursed to appropriate natural accounts
Architecture and Engineering - Capital Improvements	0	247,500	247,500	Architectural & Engineering survey of state owned buildings
Building Renovations and Improvements - Minimum \$250,000	0	217,000	217,000	Groden Center Construction
Works of Art, Historic Treasures and Memorabilia	0	2,500	2,500	1% for Public Art - the Paul Sherlock Art Festival/Purchases from Artists with Disabilities
Subprogram Total	467,000	467,000	0	
Subprogram 8. GO Accessibility 022.9211011				
Architectural & Engineering Services	0	34,968	34,968	Groden Center A&E
Subprogram Total	0	34,968	34,968	
Grand Total	1,046,892	1,025,029	(21,863)	

Funding Source	General Revenue						Federal Grants	
FY 2012 [A] Current Service Level	Advocacy & Public Awareness	Accessibility Technical Assistance	Disability Rights Compliance	Employment Technical Assistance	Admin. Support	Disability Business Enterprise	ADA Access	HAVA Grant
State Employee Annual Hours & Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions								
Executive Secretary hrs/yr.	839				687			
FTE	0.55				0.45			
Special Projects (State ADA) Coordinator hrs.		1,340	123		77			0
FTE		0.87	0.08		0.05			0.00
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Employ.) hrs/yr.				1164		291		162
FTE				0.72		0.18		0.1
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Access.) hrs/yr.		710	132				363	446
FTE		0.43	0.08				0.22	0.27

Funding Source	General Revenue			Federal Grants			Restrict.	Grand Total
FY 2012 [A] Current Service Level	Total GCD Operations	Mary Brennan Fellowship	Disability Business Enterprise	ADA Access	ADA Employ	HAVA Grant	Public Forums	
Category Summary								
Wages & Benefits	\$347,735		\$14,679	\$17,308		\$29,396		\$409,118
Contracted Professional Services	\$2,779		\$204	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,470	\$6,953
Operating Supplies & Expenses	\$10,889		\$669	\$2,702	\$1,535	\$12,560	\$6,890	\$34,845
Assistance & Grants		\$10,350				\$57,544		\$67,894
Capital Purchases & Equipment	\$1,881						\$2,000	\$3,881
Total	\$362,885	\$10,350	\$15,551	\$20,510	\$2,035	\$100,000	\$11,360	\$522,691
Target /Available funds	\$362,885	\$10,350	\$15,551	\$22,545		\$100,000	\$18,539	\$534,570
Over/(Under) Target	\$400	\$0	\$0	(\$0)		\$0	(\$7,179)	(\$6,809)
Grand Total Accounts		\$389,186		\$22,545		\$100,000	\$11,360	\$522,691

Funding Source	Detail Commission Operations (General Revenue) Account					
FY 2012 [A] Current Service Level	Advocacy & Public Awareness	Accessibility Technical Assistance	Disability Rights Compliance	Election Assistance	Employment Technical Assistance	Administrative Support
Category Summary						
Wages & Benefits	\$66,738	\$144,802	\$16,498		\$58,716	\$60,981
Contracted Professional Services	\$546		\$401			\$1,832
Operating Supplies & Expenses	\$2,610					\$8,249
Assistance & Grants						\$0
Capital Purchases & Equipment						\$1,881
Total	\$69,894	\$144,802	\$16,899	\$0	\$58,716	\$72,944

FY 2012 [A] Current Service Level	Accessibility Renovations	
Capital Purchases & Equipment	RI Capital Plan (RICAP)	General Obligation Bonds
Paul V. Sherlock Purchase of Artists Work	\$2,500	
Architectural & Engineering Services	\$247,500	\$34,968
Construction	\$217,000	
Total Capital Purchases & Equipment	\$467,000	\$34,968
Grand Total Accessibility Renovations	\$501,968	

Funding Source	General Revenue						Federal Grants	
FY 2013 [B] Current Service Level	Advocacy & Public Awareness	Accessibility Technical Assistance	Disability Rights Compliance	Employment Technical Assistance	Admin. Support	Disability Business Enterprise	ADA Access	HAVA Grant
State Employee Hours & Full Time Equivalent (FTE)								
Executive Secretary hrs/yr.	843				690			
FTE	0.55				0.45			
Special Projects (State ADA) Coordinator hrs.		1,346	124		77			0
FTE		0.87	0.08		0.05			0.00
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Employ.) hrs/yr.				1,169		292		162
FTE				0.72		0.18		0.1
Assistant ADA Coordinator (Access.) hrs/yr.		647	133				382	498
FTE		0.39	0.08				0.23	0.3

Funding Source	General Revenue			Federal Grants			Restrict	Grand Total
FY 2013 [B] Current Service Level	Total GCD Operations	Mary Brennan Fellowship	Disability Business Enterprise	ADA Access	ADA Employ	HAVA Grant	Public Forums	
Category Summary								
Wages and Benefits	\$379,421		\$16,012	\$20,660		\$35,844		\$451,938
Contracted Professional Services	\$3,449		\$211	\$518	\$518	\$518	\$2,556	\$7,770
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$10,779		\$693	\$2,395	\$1,409	\$13,234	\$7,138	\$35,648
Assistance & Grants		\$10,350				\$50,404		\$60,754
Capital Purchases & Equipment	\$1,881							\$1,881
Total	\$395,531	\$10,350	\$16,916	\$23,573	\$1,927	\$100,000	\$9,694	\$557,991
Target (available grant funds)	\$395,535	\$10,350	\$16,912	\$25,500		\$100,000	\$18,150	\$566,447
Difference:	(\$4)	\$0	\$4	(\$0)		\$0	(\$8,456)	(\$8,456)
Grand Total All Accounts	\$422,797			\$25,500		\$100,000	\$9,543	\$557,991

Funding Source	Detail Commission Operations (General Revenue) Account					
FY 2013 [B] Current Service Level	Advocacy & Public Awareness	Accessibility Technical Assistance	Disability Rights Compliance	Election Assistance	Employment Technical Assistance	Admin. Support
Category Summary						
Wages & Benefits	\$73,282	\$156,757	\$18,379	\$0	\$64,049	\$66,954
Contracted Professional Services	\$555	\$0	\$408	\$0	\$0	\$2,486
Operating Supplies & Expenses	\$2,704	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,075
Assistance & Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Purchases & Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,881
Total	\$76,541	\$156,757	\$18,787	\$0	\$64,049	\$79,396

FY 2013 [B] Current Service Level	Accessibility Renovations	
Funding Source	RICAP	General Obligation Bonds
Capital Purchases & Equipment		
Paul V. Sherlock Artists work	\$2,500	
Architecture & Engineering	\$24,750	
Construction	\$222,750	
Capital Purchases & Equipment	\$250,000	\$0

The draft RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities Fiscal Years 2012 - 2013: Budget Requests and Performance Management Initiative / Operational Plans is attached



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MOTION: To adopt the RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities Fiscal Years 2012 - 2013: Budget Requests and Performance Management Initiative / Operational Plans as revised AP/RH passed

The Budget Office has rejected the Commission's Capital Budget Request for a \$10 million Accessibility General Obligation Bond Issue.

*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Administration
Budget Office Memorandum*

**To: Timothy Flynn, Chairperson
R.I. Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

**From: Thomas A. Mullaney
Executive Director/Budget Officer**

Date: September 7, 2011

Subject: Capital Budget Recommendations

The preliminary recommendations of the Budget Office to the Capital Development Planning and Oversight Commission for the FY 2013 - FY 2017 Capital Improvement Program are enclosed for your review. Changes to these recommendations may be made by the Committee prior to presenting them to Governor Chafee for his review and final recommendations.

The enclosed report is a summary of the funding for each project requested by your agency and displays the source of funds by fiscal year. This report shows the Enacted Plan (where applicable), your Agency Request and the current Budget Office's (shown as Analyst) recommendations.

As in prior years, the Capital Committee will be holding hearings with select agencies during September and early October. If you have not been contacted about such a hearing and are interested in meeting with the Committee, please contact Suzanne Amerault at 222-6300 and we will attempt to accommodate your request. If you wish to provide any comments on these preliminary recommendations in writing for the Committee's review prior to making final recommendations to the Governor, please submit a memo to me no later than October 17, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning these recommendations, please contact your assigned Budget Analyst.

cc: Bob Cooper

State of Rhode Island Budget Office

August, 2011

FY 2013 - FY 2017 Capital Budget Analysis

Agency: Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Project Name:

Project ID:

Handicapped Accessibility - Facility Renovations

GCD-ADA-FR1

Total Funds Requested: \$17.2 million

Project Description:

The Agency requests a total of \$17.2 million for Handicapped Accessibility Facility

Renovations. Of this amount, a total of \$6.4 million was expended prior to FY 2012. This requested amount consists of \$2.8 million from the P.L. 1989 Ch. 552 Bond Authorization, \$2.8 million from the P.L. 1990 Ch. 434 Bond Authorization, \$1.5 million from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund and \$10.0 from a new general obligation bond referenda. The new referenda is requested for FY 2014, to appear on the November, 2012 state-wide ballot.

The primary objective of this project is to remove structural barriers at state-owned facilities so that persons with disabilities would be able to fully participate in the services, activities, or benefits offered at those facilities or from being employed by those state agencies occupying those facilities.

Examples of facility renovations and improvements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Construction of ramps and/or installation of elevators or lifts
- ◆ Installation of walkways and curb cuts and audible pedestrian crossing signals
- ◆ Widening of doorways and doors and /or installation of automatic door openers
- ◆ Replacing door knobs with levers
- ◆ Modifying fire alarm systems to provide warnings to individuals with visual or hearing impairments
- ◆ Lowering fire alarm pull stations
- ◆ Upgrading elevator emergency communication systems
- ◆ Installation of raised letter and Braille signage
- ◆ Installation of handicapped parking spaces
- ◆ Upgrade of restrooms for handicapped accessibility.

Status of On-Going Project:

Since 1980, the State of Rhode Island has been eliminating barriers at state-owned facilities including colleges, office buildings, parks, and beaches. The three major categories of renovation relate to state-owned, educational, and recreational facilities. Some of the renovation projects that are included in this budget request and overseen by other state functionaries include the following:

Department of Children, Youth, & Families

- Renovations to the Groden Center in FY 2011 and FY 2012; this facility services children with behavioral health issues
- Continued removal of barriers to access at state-owned residential facilities

Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

- Improvements made to state owned facilities that are leased by behavioral health and developmental disability provider agencies
- Renovations to Eleanor Slater Hospital

Department of Administration

- Improvements to state-owned facilities at the Pastore Complex
- Handicapped access at State House meeting and hearing rooms

Department of Higher Education

- URI: improvements made to twenty-nine facilities at the Kingston, Narragansett Bay, and Alton Jones campuses
- RIC: renovations made to walkways, sidewalks, and the replacement of door knobs

with level hardware throughout the campus

Department of Environmental Management

- Improvements made to various recreation facilities that do not currently comply with federal access codes including some beaches, restrooms at Colt State Park, some fishing docks, one fish hatchery, and three boat ramps

Department of Corrections

- Improvements to the Women’s Correctional Facilities (contingent upon A & E study to be completed in FY 2012).

Due to this effort, most state services are now offered in at least one facility that is accessible for persons with disabilities. This project will continue to remove structural barriers to state-owned recreational and educational facilities in buildings already constructed. For newly constructed or renovated state-owned facilities, handicap accessibility is generally included as part of the total project costs and assistance from the Commission is not required.

Budget Analyst Recommendation/Analysis:

The Budget Office recommends a total of \$4.8 million for Handicapped Accessibility Facility Renovations. Of this sum, \$2.8 million is from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund, of which \$821,276 is from prior years, and \$34,968 is from Chapter 552 of the Public Laws of 1989, which will utilize the full \$2.0 million from that authorization. \$2.8 million from Chapter 434 of the Public Laws of 1990 was spent prior to FY 2012.

The Budget Office recommends RICAP financing in the amount of \$467,000 in FY 2012, included \$250,000 in the enacted appropriation, and carry-over of \$217,000 from FY 2011, and \$250,000 per year thereafter. In bond funds, the remaining balance of \$34,968 from the P.L. 1989 Ch. 552 issuance is recommended for FY 2012.

New general obligation bond authorization in the amount of \$10.0 million as requested by the department, is not recommended at this time due to uncertainty of the scope of work left to complete in state-owned buildings, in combination with new buildings and recent renovations already bearing the cost of handicap-accessibility in the respective projects’ budgets. The Department had arrived at this figure by summing all requests over the last several years, and intends to provide a more definitive estimate by undertaking an architectural and engineering study of all state-owned facilities that are not slated for demolition and that have not been upgraded for compliance by some other means in FY 2012. This study will be done by using carry-over RICAP funds from FY 2011 in the approximate amount of \$247,500.

Below is chart showing the enacted, requested, and recommended amounts for RICAP financing over the capital budget planning period.

RICAP	Pre-2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Post-2017	Total
Enacted	788,276	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000			2,089,000
Requested	821,276	467,000	250,000						1,538,276
Recommend	821,276	467,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	2,788,276



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MOTION: To request a hearing before the Capital Development Planning and Oversight Commission regarding the Commission’s Capital Budget Request. AS/AP passed unanimously

 Ballot box graphic	Elect the Vice Chairperson	Tim Flynn	6:10		
Purpose/Goal: To select the Commission's Vice Chairperson					
Discussion:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> voting check off graphic	MOTION: To elect Kate McCarthy-Barnett Vice Chairperson for the 2012 Program Year (Sept. 2011 - Sept. 2012) RMcM/RH passed unanimously				
 Meeting Graphic	Give advice and consent to the Chairperson's appointments of committee chairpersons and members and liaisons to other boards	Tim Flynn	6:15		
Purpose/Goal: To confirm the appointment of Commissioners to Committees, Committee Chairpersons, and Liaisons to other boards.					
Discussion: Members were asked to complete and return the Committee Preference Form by Sept. 8 th , to the Executive Secretary.					
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State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights

R. Timothy Flynn Chair

Liaisons:

R. Timothy Flynn: Home and Community Care Advisory Committee

Kate McCarthy-Barnett: National Organization on Disability; Emergency Management Advisory Committee & EMA's Elderly & Disability Working Group

Rosemary C. Carmody: RI Disability Voting Project's Steering Cmte & Managing Directors; State Board of Election's Voter Registration

Linda N. Ward: Rhodes to Independence Steering Committee

RMcM/AS passed unanimously

 <p>Report Graphic</p>	Adoption of the “Re-Employment First: Reforming the Disability Pension System” Report	Dr. Judith Drew & Bob Cooper	6:20
Purpose/Goal: To prepare recommendations to the Governor and General Treasurer to replace the current state government disability pension system with a re-employment first initiative.			
Discussion: The final draft of the Re-Employment First: Reforming the Disability Pension System” Report is attached.			
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	MOTION: To adopt and transmit to the Governor and General Treasurer the “Re-Employment First: Reforming the Disability Pension System” Report, as revised (prospective) W/AA passed Nay AP, JP, LW, RMcM, Abstain AS		
 <p>Award Graphic</p>	Selection of the John E. Fogarty and Joseph Vanni Award Recipients	Bob Cooper	6:40
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 2 nd 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 awarding the John E. Fogarty Award to:

1. Rep. Eileen Naughton, Deputy Vice Chair House Finance Committee (H 5618 Sub A [2011 Chapter 241]) and Sen. Walter Felag, 1st Vice Chair Senate Finance Committee (S 0301 Sub B [2011 Chapter 353]) for expanding the Sherlock (employee buy-in health care) Plan
2. Rep. John McCauley, Deputy Speaker (H 5284 as Amended [2011 Chapter 195]) and Sen. Paul Fogarty (S 0206 as Amended [2011 Chapter 272]), Chair Senate Labor Committee for updating the RI's Access Building Code to match the 2012 US Access Guidelines
3. Sen. Dennis Algiere, Senate Minority Leader (S 0207 [2011 Chapter 213]), Senate Minority Leader and Rep. Robert Jacquard (H-5300 [2011 Chapter 235]), member House Municipal Government Committee for repealing the annual reporting provisions of § 31-28-7.3 Disability parking enforcement program

Last year we were unable to schedule the award ceremony for the following Joseph E. Fogarty Awards:

4. Sen. William McCaffrey, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee (09 S 0783 Sub A as Amended [2009 Chapter 96]) and Rep. Donald Lally, Deputy Majority Whip 09 H 5949 Sub A [2009 Chapter 97]) for amending the state's civil rights laws so as to incorporate definitions and other changes made by the federal ADA Amendments Act.
5. Sen. John Tassoni, Chair Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee (10 S 2133 Sub as Amended [2010 Chapter 213]) and Rep. Brian Kennedy Chair House Corporations Committee (10 H 7300 Sub A [2010 Chapter 206]) requiring the installation of curb cuts and/or ramps at both ends of any pedestrian crosswalk; including all privately developed sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks that will be turned over to cities and towns (by the developer) to also meet state standards.
6. Rep. Elaine Coderre, Deputy Speaker? (10 H 7498 Sub A [2010 Chapter 201]) and Sen. William Walaska (10 S 2674 Sub A [2010 Chapter 210]) directing the Rhode Island public transit authority, in consultation with the division of public utilities and carriers and the governor's commission on disabilities to develop the "John J. MacDonald, Jr. Transportation Initiative" for a statewide federally funded "New Freedom Program" to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities that need wheelchair accessible transportation beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, by September 30, 2010. The implementation of the "John J. MacDonald, Jr. Transportation Initiative" would begin on or before January 1, 2011.



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MOTION: To award the John E. Fogarty Awards to:

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2. Sen. Walter Felag [2011 Chapter 353];
3. Rep. John McCauley [2011 Chapter 195];
4. Sen. Paul Fogarty [2011 Chapter 272];
5. Sen. Dennis Algiere [2011 Chapter 213]

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2. Adoption of the Commission's 2012 Legislative Package
3. Adoption of the Commission & its Committee's 2012 Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be on: Monday November 28th 5 - 7 PM



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Adjournment

Tim Flynn

7:00



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MOTION: To adjourn at 6:47 PM, RMcM/AP passed unanimously.