



Governor's Commission on Disabilities

Monday November 18, 2013

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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Attendees: R. Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Rosemary Carmody; (Vice Chair.); Andrew Argenbright; Sharon Brinkworth; Joseph Cirillo; Dr. Judith Drew; Casey Gartland; William Inlow; James Pitassi; Arthur Plitt; Patricia Ryherd; & Linda Ward
Absentees: Frederick Burke; Christopher Butler; Jonathan Dupre; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Ronald McMinn; Msgr. Gerard Sabourin; Angelina Stabile; Dawn Wardyga; & Dr. Gary Witman

Staff: Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary & Bryanna Boucher, Mary Brennan Policy Fellow



5:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Timothy Flynn, Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:59 PM
 Introductions of Commissioners and guests



MOTION: To accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting as presented
 Motion moved by LW, seconded by RC, passed unanimously

Action Items:



5:05 Adopting the Commission's 2014 Legislative Package, Linda Ward, Legislation Committee Chairperson

A. Purpose/Goal: To adopt the Commission's Legislative Package for the 2014 General Assembly Session.

Discussion: The Legislation Committee Recommended the following
 A. Items to retain from 2013:



1. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc.
 - a. Maintain the existing RIPTA/RIde service areas;
 - b. Adequate funding/new & stable funding source;
 - c. Expand the RIPTA/RIde service areas/hours beyond the existing service/hours



2. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities:
 - a. Restore the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism spectrum disorders eligibility rules¹;
 - b. Restore the right to medically necessary brand name drugs without requiring

¹ Adopted Resolution 13 H 5099 Sub A JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CREATE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

	<p>two generic failures before allowing brand name</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Improve services for adults with autism spectrum disorders; d. Retain multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models; and e. Maintain developmental disability service funding. f. Post-Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver Transition Plan
	<p>3. Housing Supports and other services for people with behavioral health concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Restore the Neighborhood Opportunities Program funding; and b. Create a supportive housing program; and c. Expansion of Affordable Housing - require at least 2 additional affordable housing units for cities and towns that have not met the affordable housing goals
	<p>4. Accessibility to Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide interpreter services for ancillary healthcare programs or supports (including peer supports)²; and b. Provide closed captions of all Capitol Television programming.
	<p>Items to add Items to retain from 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ride fare - mandating a sliding scale (add to # 1 d) B. Reevaluate using the Supports Intensity Scale as an assessment tool (add to # 2 g) C. Funding of disability services (expand #2e) D. Increase affordable & accessible housing (already in #3a & b) E. Clarify eligibility for Medicaid/Sherlock services (add to # 2 h) F. Create Employment category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improve school to adult transitional services b. Transition from education to adult services/employment/post-secondary education c. Maintain non-competitive employment options G. Increase funding of home modifications (add to # 3 d) <hr/> <p><i>The Legislation Committee also recommends:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It monitor progress on requiring Health Insurance Plans to cover specialty drug (Tier 4 Drug Category) in Tier 3 - determine impact of Affordable Care Act; and <p><i>Shift to Employment Committee the Commission's efforts on Refocusing State and Municipal Disability Pension Systems to Reemployment Systems.</i></p>
	<p>Motion: To adopt the 2014 Legislative Package as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintain the existing RIPTA/Ride service areas; b) Adequate funding/new & stable funding source; c) Expand the RIPTA/Ride service areas/hours beyond the existing service/hours; and d) Require RIPTA to establish a sliding scale Ride fare. 2. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Restore the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism

² Enacted into law: 13 H 5127 Article 17 Sub A AN ARTICLE RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ACCESS FUND would (create a new restricted receipt account in the Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and provides funding in the sum of \$80,000 dollars) for technology required to provide communication access for the deaf and hard of hearing population during periods of emergencies or in other necessary situations.)

	<p>spectrum disorders eligibility rules;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Restore the right to medically necessary brand name drugs without requiring two generic failures before allowing brand name; c) Improve services for adults with autism spectrum disorders; d) Retain multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models; e) Maintain disability service funding; f) Post-Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver Transition Plan; g) Reevaluate using the Supports Intensity Scale as an assessment tool; and h) Clarify eligibility for Medicaid/Sherlock services. <p>3. Housing Supports and other services for people with behavioral health concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Restore the Neighborhood Opportunities Program funding; b) Create a supportive housing program; and c) Expansion of Affordable Housing - require at least 2 additional affordable housing units for cities and towns that have not met the affordable housing goals. <p>4. Accessibility to Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide interpreter services for ancillary healthcare programs or supports (including peer supports); and b) Provide closed captions of all Capitol Television programming. <p>5. Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Improve school to adult transitional to adult services/employment/post-secondary education; and b) Maintain non-competitive employment options. <p>6. Direct the Legislation Committee to monitor progress on requiring Health Insurance Plans to cover specialty drug (Tier 4 Drug Category) in Tier 3, to determine impact of Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>7. Shift to the Employment Committee the Commission's efforts on Refocusing State and Municipal Disability Pension Systems to become Reemployment Systems.</p> <p>As revised above (deleting item 2g). Motion moved by JD, seconded by AA, passed unanimously</p>
	<p>B. Purpose/Goal: To decide which categories of bills to recommend be included in the 2014 Legislative Committee's Scope of Review</p>
	<p>The Legislation Committee recommends the following categories of bills to be the Committee's 2014 Scope of Review: Civil Rights; Disability Prevention; Employment; Health Insurance; Housing; Human Services; Medicaid; Special Education; Transportation, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee in regard to budget articles.</p> <p>Categories not included in the Committee's recommended Scope of Review were: appropriations; education; financial assistance; government operations; motor vehicle</p>

	insurance/registration; & taxes
	<p>MOTION: To adopt the Legislation Committee’s 2014 Scope of Review, as follows:</p> <p>1) Civil Rights; 2) Disability Prevention; 3) Employment; 4) Health Insurance; 5) Housing; 6) Human Services; 7) Medicaid; 8) Special Education; 9) Transportation, and 10) to make recommendations to the Executive Committee in regard to budget articles, as presented Motion moved by PR, seconded by AP, passed unanimously</p>
	<p>C. Purpose/Goal: To Adopt the 2013 Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of People with Disabilities and Their Families Report</p>
	<p>Discussion: The draft report was sent out with the agenda. Concerns relating to special education were not identified until after the Public Forum Working Groups had almost completed their review of the testimony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The increase in the number of students being dropped from IEPs (individual education plans). 2. Lack of screening in the early school years to pick up language based learning disabilities. 3. Lack of information on the transition from school to adult services/career supports for parents and students in high school. 4. Lack of information on the range of services that should be included in an IEP. <p>The Legislation Committee decided to review those concerns at its December Meeting.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the final report be held until the Legislation Committee conducts its review and makes recommendations for addressing each of the 4 concerns above? • Will those recommendations need to be approved by the full Commission, before the Public Forum Report is issued?
	<p>MOTION: To adopt the 2013 Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of People with Disabilities and Their Families Report, and authorize the Legislation Committee to incorporate recommendations to address the 4 education concerns above.</p> <p>Motion moved by RC seconded by AP passed unanimously</p>
	<p><i>5:50 Adoption of the 2014 Schedule of Commission and Committee Meetings, Timothy Flynn</i></p>
	<p>Purpose/Goal: To adopt the 2014 schedule of Commission and Committee Meetings</p>

DRAFT Governor’s Commission on Disabilities 2014 Meeting Schedule

The Commission’s aim is to make sure that all people with disabilities have the same rights and duties as anyone else. They also should be able to be work and live independently.

The Commission meets 3rd Mondays 5 - 6:30 PM: 01/27th; 04/14th; 07/14th; 09/15th; and 12/01st.



Accessibility Committee

The Committee develops state's 504/ADA Transition Plan, for removing access barriers in state owned buildings, schools, colleges, beaches, and parks. The Committee also oversees the ADA accessibility training and services.

The Accessibility Committee meets the 4th Monday 2 - 3 PM: 02/24th; 04/28th; 06/23rd; 8/25th; 10/27th and (if necessary) 12/22nd.



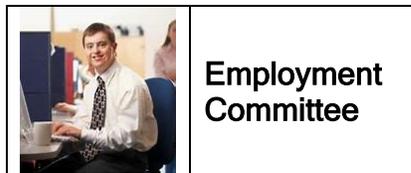
The Committee helps small business owner with a disability try to win state contracts.

The Disability Business Enterprise Committee meets the 2nd Monday 9 - 10 AM: 01/13th; 04/10th; 06/12th; 08/18th; 11/20th; and (if necessary) 12/15th.



The Committee makes sure voters with disabilities can cast a secret vote without help. Local boards of canvassers are paid to remove access barriers at polling places. A videotape is used to train election officials and poll place workers. Adults with disabilities are trained on how to vote and registered to vote. They are also encouraged to serve as poll workers.

The Election Assistance Committee meets the 3rd Thursday 2 - 3 PM: 01/16th; 03/20th; 05/15th; 08/14th; 09/18th; and 11/20th.



The Committee oversees the ADA employment training and services. The Committee promotes work and work incentives. The Committee also plans an annual employment conference, in October (National Disability Employment Awareness Month).

The Employment Committee meets the 2nd Thursday 9:30 - 11 AM: 02/13th; 04/10th; 06/12th; 08/14th; 09/11th; 10/09th and (if necessary) 12/11th.



The Board decides if unfairness (discrimination) was caused by access barriers. [RIGL 42-87]

The Board approves state agencies requests to lease places with access barriers. The agency must have a plan to make all services and employment accessible. [RIGL 37-8-15.1]

The Board decides if a member of a government committee who is disabled can take part in meetings by telephone or aid. The member is not able to get to the meeting room due to the disability. [RIGL 42-46-5(b)(3&4)]

The Board approves Open Meeting Access Plans from local and state government. [RIGL 42-46-13]

The Hearing Board meets to conduct hearings, upon request.



The Committee runs meetings to find out the concerns (fears) of people with disabilities and their families, the last full week in July. The Committee writes bills to better the lives of people with disabilities. The Committee reads other bills that might help or hurt on people with disabilities. The

Committee lets the General Assembly know about the bills. The Committee then lets the Governor know about the bills.

The Legislation Committee meets the 1st Monday 3 - 4:30 PM: 01/06th; 02/03rd; 03/03rd; 04/07th; 05/5th; 06/02nd; 07/07th; 08/04th; 09/08th; 10/27th; and 12/01st.



**State Coordinating
Committee on Disability
Rights**

The Committee steers the State Government's carrying out of the disability rights laws. [Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504, Civil Rights of People with Disabilities, etc.]

The State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights only meets if needed to coordinate compliance activities amongst the difference branches of government (executive, judicial, and legislative).



**Executive
Committee**

This Committee is in charge when the Commission is not meeting. The Committee talks to students who want to be fellows. Then the Committee hires the Fellows. The Committee talks to people who want to work for the Commission. The Committee advises the Commission who to hire.

The Executive Committee meetings the 3rd Mondays 4 - 5 PM: 03/17th; 05/12th (spring & fall fellowship interviews); 08/27th and 12/08th (winter fellowship interviews).

August annual planning meetings to review of achievements and develop operations plans and budget requests for the next two program years.

	<p>MOTION: To adopt the 2014 schedule of Commission and Committee Meetings, as presented above Motion moved by AA, seconded by AP, passed unanimously</p>																					
	<p>5:55 Revising Performance Measurement Targets, Tim Flynn</p> <p>Purpose/Goal: To decide whether the Commission's performance measurement targets for FY 2014 & 2015 should be revised.</p> <p>At the 11/12/13 Performance Management meeting to review the Commission's FY 2014 & 2015 performance measures it was recommended the Commission consider revising two of its targets: (2) Law and Regulation Voluntary Compliance and (4) Employment Discrimination Resolution.</p>																					
<p>Measure Number: 1 Commission Advocacy Measure: The objective and mission of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities 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 is able to reach his/her maximum potential in independence, human development, productivity and self-sufficiency. The figures below represent the percentage of successful outcomes relative to the Commission's advocacy for disability-friendly policy, adopted by the General Assembly (laws and budget articles), Executive Branch and General Officers (regulations), and Judiciary and quasi-judicial entitles (decisions).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Performance</th> <th>2011</th> <th>2012</th> <th>2013</th> <th>2014</th> <th>2015 Unconstrained</th> <th>2015 Constrained</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Actual</td> <td>58%</td> <td>35%</td> <td>53%</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Target</td> <td>100%</td> <td>100%</td> <td>100%</td> <td>75%</td> <td>75%</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Constrained Impact</i> Reduction in staff time devoted to learning the needs and concerns of people with disabilities and their families. Elimination of the Summer Fellow will shift to already overstretched staff the logistical responsibilities for the July Public Forums on the Concerns of People with Disabilities and</p>		Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 Unconstrained	2015 Constrained	Actual	58%	35%	53%	--	--	--	Target	100%	100%	100%	75%	75%	
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Elimination of the Communications Fellow, will delay updating the Commission's website's community bulletin board, notices of upcoming events, continuing education opportunities, and shift public awareness activities to staff.

Measure Number: 2 Accessibility Discrimination Complaint Resolution

Measure: This measure reflects the Commission's activities to foster voluntary compliance with Federal and State disability rights laws and regulations. The figures below represent the percentage of accessibility complaints resolved prior to hearing.

Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 Unconstrained	2015 Constrained
Actual	100%	100%	100%	--	--	--
Target	100%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Constrained Impact Last fall, due to the shift of staff resources to HAVA activities, most inquiries, and complaints were placed "on hold" until after the election (up to 3 months). Mediation works best if the parties are brought together immediately after the alleged incident. While 100% of the complaints filed with the Commission were resolved, it is not known how many of the complaints placed "on hold" were filed with the Commission for Human Rights. Disability discrimination caseload is now their largest category of complaints. Closing the office one day a month will add to the current delay in responding to complaints. More complainants may file with the Commission for Human Rights, instead of waiting a month or more for their complaint to be addressed.

Measure Number: 3 Accessible Elections: Barrier Free Voting

Measure: This measure reflects the Commission's activities to ensure voters with disabilities are able to cast their vote independently, in secret, and at the same polling location as their neighbors. The figures below represent the percentage of polling locations open on election day(s) that were barrier free (to citizens with disabilities).

Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 Unconstrained	2015 Constrained
Actual	76%	83%	68%	--	--	--
Target	100%	NA	100%	NA	100%	100%

Constrained Impact No impact expected.

Measure Number: 4 Employment Discrimination Complaint Resolution

Measure: This measure reflects the Commission's activities to foster voluntary compliance with Federal and State disability rights laws and regulations. Education, technical assistance and conflict resolution are methods utilized with employers, employees and perspective employees to prevent legal action. The figures below reflect the percentage of employment discrimination complaints voluntarily resolved.

Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 Unconstrained	2015 Constrained
Actual	100%	100%	100%	--	--	--
Target	100%	100%	100%	50%	50%	50%

Constrained Impact Mediation works best if the parties are brought together immediately after the alleged incident. Closing the office one day a month will add to the current delay in responding to complaints. More complainants may file with the Commission for Human Rights, instead of waiting weeks for their complaint to be addressed.

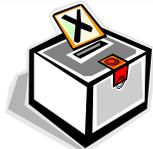
Measure Number: 5 Disability Business Enterprise Certification

Measure: This measure reflects the Commission's activities to recruit and certify small businesses owned and operated by persons with disabilities. The figures below reflect the number of monthly contacts with or outreach to 4 potential Disability Business Enterprises, once the updated Purchasing Regulations have been promulgated.³

Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 Unconstrained	2015 Constrained
Actual				--	--	--
Target				100%	100%	50%
<i>Constrained Impact</i>	<i>Reducing by 74% the number of printed program brochures and other promotional material will reduce sales opportunities for small businesses owned by persons with disabilities. It will also be very difficult to recruit more small businesses owned by persons with disabilities to the program, if they do not know it exists. The loss of promotional materials, at a time when the program is just getting moving again, could "kill off" the DBE program.</i>					

Actual Outcomes

Measures	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
The # of accessibility discrimination complaints filed	65	90	67	34	42	17
The # of ADA accessibility complaints resolved	61	84	66	34	42	15
The percentage of accessibility discrimination complaints resolved prior to hearing	94%	93%	99%	100%	100%	88%
The # of employment discrimination complaints filed	8	11	1	4	6	-
The #of employment discrimination complaints resolved	8	11	1	4	-	-
The percentage of employment discrimination complaints resolved prior to hearing	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	-



MOTION: To revise the FY 2014 & FY 2015 Performance Measurement Targets as follows:

Performance Measure	2014	2015 Unconstrained	2015 Constrained
(2) Accessibility Discrimination Resolution	70%	70%	70%
(4) Employment Discrimination Resolution	80%	80%	80%

Motion moved by JP, seconded by AP passed unanimously

Status Reports:



6:00 Committee & Staff Reports

Purpose/Goal: To brief the commission on activities and accomplishments since the last meeting



Commission Budget, Operations & Executive Committee, Timothy Flynn

The Chair and Executive Secretary met with the Budget Officer and Governor's Policy Office staff to review their recommendations for the FY 2014 Revised and 2015 Budget Requests on Oct. 31st. The Budget Office agreed to correct a typographical error in allocating funding of the employees' vision care plan (initially \$20/year for all employees, corrected to \$120/yr.)

³ The measurement period will begin after the Department of Administration issues the revised Purchasing Regulation incorporating changes to the DBE Law (setting a formula for awarding bids to a DBE within a percentage of the lowest qualified bidder).

Expenditure Categories	2014 GCD	2014 BO	2015 GCD	2015 BO
Wages and Benefits	\$318,094	\$317,248	\$324,829	\$324,680
Contracted Professional Services	\$4,068	\$4,069	\$4,185	\$4,191
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$18,699	\$18,777	\$14,982	\$14,466
Assistance and Grants	\$14,718	\$14,718	\$14,718	\$14,718
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$1,882	\$1,881	\$628	\$628
Operating Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0
General Revenue Subtotal	\$357,461	\$356,693	\$359,342	\$358,683
Wages and Benefits	\$26,092	\$26,122	\$22,500	\$21,658
Contracted Professional Services	\$7,589	\$7,589	\$9,648	\$9,648
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$26,782	\$26,501	\$45,646	\$45,646
Assistance and Grants	\$61,040	\$61,040	\$61,398	\$61,398
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$35,078	\$35,078		\$0
Operating Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Federal Subtotal	\$156,581	\$156,330	\$142,192	\$141,350
Contracted Professional Services	\$6,120	\$6,120	\$2,879	\$2,879
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$9,810	\$9,810	\$6,298	\$6,298
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restricted Subtotal	\$15,930	\$15,930	\$9,177	\$9,177

The Capital Budget - Accessibility Renovations Requests were cut and the 3 categories combined, see table below. At our request, the Budget Office will reconsider combining the three accounts.

Renovation Accounts	2014 GCD	2014 BO	2015 GCD	2015 BO
Handicapped Accessibility	\$0	\$957,271	\$0	\$837,361
Accessibility to Disability Service Providers	\$297,938	\$0	\$128,028	\$0
Accessibility Fire Safety Renovations	\$115,833	\$0	\$115,833	\$0
Accessibility to Higher Education	\$593,500	\$0	\$593,500	\$0
Accessibility Renovation Subtotal	\$1,007,271	\$957,271	\$837,361	\$837,361



MOTION: To accept the Budget Office's Capital Budget Accessibility Renovation recommendations for the FY 2014 Revised and FY 2015; if the categories of: 1) Accessibility Fire Safety Renovations; 2) Accessibility to Disability Service Providers; 3) Accessibility to Higher Education, [and in FY 2016 4) Accessibility to Open Meetings] are retained.

Motion moved by JD, seconded by AP, passed unanimously

MOTION: To accept the Budget Office's recommendations for the FY 2014 Revised and FY 2015 Operating Budgets.

Motion moved by PR, seconded by AA, passed unanimously

Discussion: The Commission does not have the staff, necessary to manage around \$1 million of construction each year. It will need to enter into agreements with the: Department of Administration; Department of Corrections; RI College; RI National Guard; and University of RI. Draft memorandums of agreement have to send to each of these entities and the Executive Secretary is meeting with each of them, along with the architectural firms assign to each. This morning he met with the capital projects unit at RI College.

Distribute Draft Memorandum of Agreement with RIC.

The Budget Office has advised the Commission that the Community College of RI needs to have an access survey conducted on some of their facilities. The Executive Secretary recommends in:

FY 2014 \$9,999 for the access survey + \$4,800 to address any fire safety barriers; and

FY 2015 \$10,841 for potential renovations (as a "place holder" until the survey is completed).

The Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission requested an access survey (for open meetings).

The Executive Secretary recommends in FY 2016 \$9,999 for the survey.

The Commission would hire an "Owner's Rep" to manage the few remaining construction projects:

1. Groden Cowesett (Residential) \$211,500 - 1% for the Paul V. Sherlock Art Works \$2,115 = \$209,385
2. Bridgemark Addiction Recovery \$1,309,375 - 1% for the Paul V. Sherlock Art Works \$13,094 = \$1,296,281
3. MAP Residential Counseling \$975,000 - 1% for the Paul V. Sherlock Art Works \$9,750 = \$965,250

RIC Capital Budget Plan ⁴		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Total
FR3	Accessibility Fire Safety Renovations	\$2,300	\$0	\$11,886	\$0	\$0	\$0	14,186
FR6	Accessibility to Higher Education Renovations	\$159,231	\$159,231	\$320,205	\$320,205	\$320,205	\$321,948	\$1,601,025
RIC Accessibility Projects		\$161,531	\$159,231	\$332,091	\$320,205	\$320,205	\$321,948	\$1,615,211
1% Paul V. Sherlock Artwork		\$1,615	\$1,592	\$3,321	\$3,202	\$3,202	\$3,219	\$16,151

DoA Capital Budget Plan		FY 2014	FY2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Total
FR3	Capitol Hill	\$14,447	\$20,406		\$107,990			\$142,843
FR3	Pastore Center	\$84,974	\$5,900		\$110,149	\$97,191	\$68,894	\$367,108
FR3	Stedman Center			\$8,160				\$8,160
FR3	Accessibility to Fire Safety Renovations	\$ 99,421	\$26,306	\$8,160	\$218,139	\$97,191	\$68,894	\$518,111
FR2	Pastore Center	\$150,484	\$9,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,483
FR2	Accessibility to Disability Service Providers Renovations	\$150,484	\$9,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,483
FR4	Capitol Hill	\$0	\$0	\$538,503	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$538,503
FR4	Pastore Center	\$0	\$0	\$105,708	\$466,471	\$672,701	\$346,003	\$1,590,883
FR4	Stedman Center	\$0	\$0	\$18,263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,263
FR4	Accessibility to Open Meetings Renovations	\$0	\$0	\$662,474	\$466,471	\$672,701	\$346,003	\$2,147,649
DoA Accessibility Projects		\$249,905	\$36,305	\$670,634	\$684,610	\$769,892	\$414,897	\$2,826,243
1% Paul V. Sherlock Artwork		\$2,499	\$363	\$6,706	\$6,846	\$7,699	\$4,149	\$28,262

URI Capital Budget Plan		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Total
Kingston Campus		\$0	\$87,492	\$89,991	\$0	\$64,994	\$97,491	\$339,968
Accessibility to Fire Safety Renovations		\$0	\$87,492	\$89,991	\$0	\$64,994	\$97,491	\$339,968
Kingston Campus		\$415,548	\$313,079	\$786,566	\$802,269	\$718,902	\$415,548	\$3,451,912
W. Alton Jones Campus		\$0	\$24,874	\$18,224	\$14,039	\$54,815	\$0	\$111,952
Narragansett Bay Campus		\$0	\$41,321	\$51,102	\$38,877	\$78,013	\$0	\$209,313
West Greenwich		\$0	\$24,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,750
Accessibility to Higher Education		\$415,548	\$404,024	\$855,892	\$855,185	\$851,730	\$415,548	\$3,797,930
URI Accessibility Projects		\$415,548	\$491,516	\$945,883	\$855,185	\$916,724	\$513,039	\$4,137,895
1% Paul V. Sherlock Artwork		\$4,155	\$4,915	\$9,459	\$8,552	\$9,167	\$5,130	\$41,378

RING Capital Budget Plan		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Total
FR4	Accessibility to Open Meetings Renovations	\$0	\$0	\$5,540	\$0	\$73,433	\$0	\$78,973
1% Paul V. Sherlock Artwork				\$54		\$734		\$789

DoC Capital Budget Plan		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Total
FR3	Accessibility to Fire Safety Renovations	\$8,120	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,120
FR4	Accessibility to Open Meetings Renovations	\$0	\$0	\$95,836	\$0	\$27,641	\$427,863	\$551,340

⁴ FY 2015 -2019 allocations are subject to annual appropriations.

DoC Accessibility Projects	\$8,120	\$0	\$95,836	\$0	\$27,641	\$427,863	\$559,460
1% Paul V. Sherlock Artwork	\$81	\$0	\$958	\$0	\$276	\$4,279	\$5,594



MOTION: To Authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into Memorandums of Agreement regarding Construction Management of the Accessibility Renovation projects with the: Community College of RI; Department of Administration; Department of Corrections; RI College; RI National Guard; and University of RI.

Motion moved by LW, seconded by AA, passed unanimously

MOTION: To authorize the Executive Secretary, through the Division of Purchasing to retain an Owner's Representative Services for RI Public Construction Projects (Master Price Agreement 430)

Motion moved by LW, seconded by SB, passed unanimously



Accessibility Committee, Ronald McMinn, Chair

The 4 architectural firms that conducted the 2011 accessibility assessment of state owned facilities have been retained, by the Commission to design and oversee renovations at:

- Tecton Architects: Capitol Hill; Groden Group Home; MAP Residential Counseling; Stedman Center; URI Narragansett Bay; & URI W. Alton Jones;
- Lamborghini/ Feibelman Ltd.: Bridgemark Addiction Recovery; & Pastore Center;
- Durkee Brown: RI College; and
- Brewster Thornton Group: University of RI - Kingston Campus.



Disability Business Enterprises Committee, Jonathan Dupre, Chair

The Committee is waiting for the Department of Administration to issue the revised Purchasing Regulations.



Election Assistance Committee, Rory Carmody, Chair

All the polling places open on November 5, 2013 (Woonsocket & Central Falls) were surveyed prior to Election Day and on Election Day. The Election Day results for

Woonsocket (Commission Surveyed)

- 3901* Woonsocket Middle School:** Great parking & Signage. No issues.
- 3902* Kennedy Manor:** Limited parking, Additional on-street disability parking required. No other issues identified. Temporary on-street parking signage needs to be LARGER.
- 3903* Park View Manor:** Limited parking, Additional on-street & parking lot disability parking required. No other issues identified. Temporary on-street disability parking signage needs to be LARGER.
- 3904* Fairmont Heights:** No issues identified.
- 3905* Crepeau Court:** Limited parking, Additional on-street & parking lot disability parking required. No other issues identified. All visitor & disability parking spaces full during 2-spot checks. Temporary on-street disability parking signage needs to be LARGER.
- 3906* Providence Street Fire:** Accessible but thru boiler-room entrance & typical fire station issues. Covered grate floors, loud and any distractions. Apparatus bay area used. Recommendation made by RIGCD to cease use of this location.
- 3607* Queen of Martyrs Church:** Good parking & signage. No issues. Ensure that the large shrubbery on sidewalk leading to poll entrance is trimmed.
- 3608* Bernon Heights Elementary School:** Temporary signage utilized for disability parking... Why? Location should have permanent disability parking spaces and access aisles (2 spaces minimum).
- 3609* Leo Savoie School:** Outside campaign area not identified properly. 30+ campaigners blocking clear view of the entrance area & disability parking area. They were asked to move and did comply.
- 3610* Woonsocket High School:** Curb-cut repaired @ side entrance as requested. Side

entrance doorway has an inaccessible handle (as indicated in the initial site inspection. Door chocked open by RIGCD staff. BOE notified of the issue. Several complaints of long hallway length while on-site. Parking signage repaired for use of side entrance.

3611* Governor Pothier School: No issues identified.

Central Falls (RI Disability Law Center Surveyed)

Precinct #: 0401, Calcutt Elementary School, 112 Washington Street. **No problems.** Note: The door was propped open as there was no hardware on the exterior door.

Precinct #: 0402, M.I. Robertson School, 135 Hunt Street. **No problems.** Note: The rear lot was in use as had been agreed. There was obvious temporary parking signage and the crack leading to the accessible door had been filled in.

Precinct #: 0403, Central Falls High School, 24 Summer Street. **Future improvements recommended. Signage:** There was one 8 by 11 inch sign found stating that the entrance was in the back of the building. There were also small brightly colored arrows pointing toward the back of the building. Although signage was in place, it was not easily viewed from the street. If this entrance is used in the future, signage should be larger and state the door number (because there are multiple doors at the back of the building). **Parking:** School was in session. Parking was limited. It did not appear that an additional temporary parking spot was created for Election Day as had been requested. This was not called in on because there was space for parking near the accessible entrance.

Precinct #: 0404, Veteran's Memorial Elementary, 150 Fuller Avenue. **Problem reported by voter and addressed on election day.** As had been agreed, the street with the accessible entrance was blocked off to vehicular traffic to allow for temporary accessible parking and safety for entering the building for voters. Upon arrival it was noted that there sawhorses at each end of the street restricting traffic with an 8 by 11 sign that said "No parking, Voter's Only." The warden had been advised by a disabled voter who did not see the accessible parking spots next to the entrance and thought the sign was directing her not to enter the restricted area. The Warden contacted Sean Murphy to request a larger sign and to request a sign to clarify that parking for disabled voters was permitted within the restricted area. Kate Bowden spoke with Sean Murphy at his request. The issue was rectified quickly and was reported to Bob Rapoza via voice mail.

Precinct #: 0405, Captain Hunt School, 12 Kendall Street. **No problems.** Note: As had been requested, there was temporary accessible parking marked, the fence gate had been removed to allow for a 36 inch wide passage, and the asphalt patch had been smoothed. The room was very small but appeared to have just adequate space for a wheel chair.

Precinct #: 0406, Madeirense Club, 46 Madeira Avenue. **No problems.** Note: The accessible route appeared to be somewhat steep of a slope but had been approved. The warden stated that there had been a problem with the Automark in the morning but he was able to resolve the problem.

Precinct #: 0407, Ella Risk School, 949 Dexter Street. **Future action recommended.** Note: Accessible spots were full even when no voters where in the poll. Presumably the spots were taken by employees since school was open. There were unmarked spots available. In the future, for elections that occur when school is open, additional measures should be taken to ensure that adequate parking is available for voters.

Precinct #: 0408, Knights of Columbus, 20 Claremont Street. **No problems.** Note: a zip tie was used effectively to make the entrance door hardware accessible. When the Automark was tested it did not work and it was replaced.

All precincts: at every polling place the Automark appeared to be on and in each location it was set up to provide for privacy. Poll workers at each precinct reported that the machine was successfully tested in the morning.

	<p>Employment Committee, Sarah Everhart Skeels, Chair</p> <p>On Oct. 23, Governor Chafee and the GCD presented a conference at the statehouse called "A Better Bottom Line: Employing People with Disabilities." This conference was in support of the Blueprint for Governors, which was produced as part of the National Governor's Association 2012-2013 Chair's Initiative. The Governor, who was introduced by Tim Flynn, made the opening remarks for the conference. The first of three sessions immediately followed the Governor's opening remarks.</p> <p>In this session entitled, "What's In It for me and My Company?" Patti Baccus from Cox Communications, Eric Falk from MF Athletics, Greg Mulligan from Bay Capital Investment Partners and Jennifer Stotter from CVS Caremark shared how their companies benefitted from hiring and retaining qualified employees with disabilities and built A Better Bottom Line in the process.</p> <p>In the second session entitled, "Employer Rights, Responsibilities and Results" Rachelle Green, a partner with Duffy & Sweeney, shared the legal rights and responsibilities of employers in the hiring process and the employment life cycle.</p> <p>In the final session, "Who Are You Going To Call?" 13 resources provided information to conference attendees on the services their agencies/organizations provided.</p> <p>Approximately 70 individuals attended the conference which was sponsored by CVS Caremark; DHS/Office of Rehabilitation Services; Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island; the New England ADA Center; Community Provider Network of RI; and Graphics Perspectives.</p>
	<p>6:25 Agenda for the Next Meeting, Tim Flynn</p> <p>Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion: The January 27, 2014 meeting will include a discussion and vote on the Governor's Budget Recommendations, and the Commission's Legislative Package.</p>
	<p>6:30 Adjournment, Tim Flynn</p>
	<p>MOTION: To adjourn at 6:21 PM. Motion moved by JC, seconded by RC, <i>passed unanimously</i></p>