



# Governor's Commission on Disabilities

## Monday, December 1, 2014 5 PM - 6:30 PM

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**Attendees:** R. Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Rosemary Carmody (Vice Chair.); Andrew Argenbright; Frederick Burke; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Casey Gartland; William Inlow; James Pitassi; Arthur Plitt; & Linda Ward

**Absentees:** Judith Drew; Ronald McMinn; Msgr. Gerard Sabourin; Angelina Stabile; Dawn Wardyga; & Gary Witman

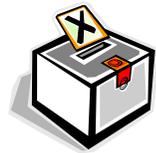
**Guests:**

**Staff:** Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary



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

Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:07 PM  
Introductions of Commissioners and guests



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

### Action Items:



**5:05 Budget Office's Recommended Commission 2015 Revised and 2016 Budget Requests, Timothy Flynn**

**Purpose/Goal:** To brief the Commission on Budget Office's recommendations for Commission FU 2015 & 2016 Budget and Strategic Plan

**Discussion:** The Chair and Executive Secretary met with the Budget Office & Performance Management staffs to review their FY 15 & 16 Budget Recommendation.

### Budget Office Recommendations: Heard Wednesday Oct. 29, 2014

Governor's Commission on Disabilities	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2015 CSL	Budget Office	Difference
<b>FY 2015 General Revenue Request</b>				
Salary/Wages and Benefits	323,982	329,867	329,855	(12)
Contracted Professional Services	4,191	4,704	4,716	12
Operating Supplies and Expenses	14,376	11,657	11,657	0
Assistance and Grants	14,718	11,039	11,039	0
Capital Purchases and Equipment	628	628	628	0
<b>General Revenue Total</b>	<b>357,895</b>	<b>357,895</b>	<b>357,895</b>	<b>0</b>
Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	3.72	3.72	3.72	0
<b>FY 2015 Federal Funds</b>				
Wages and Benefits	21,606	37,877	37,877	0
Contracted Professional Services	9,648	1,804	1,804	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	45,646	34,860	34,860	0

<b>Governor's Commission on Disabilities</b>	<b>FY 2015 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2015 CSL</b>	<b>Budget Office</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Assistance and Grants	61,398	230,983	230,983	0
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers	3,000	0	0	0
<b>Federal Funds Total</b>	<b>141,298</b>	<b>305,524</b>	<b>305,524</b>	<b>0</b>
Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	0.28	0.28	0.28	0
<b>FY 2015 Restricted Receipts</b>				
Contracted Professional Services	2,879	2,695	2,695	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	6,298	7,236	7,236	0
<b>Restricted Receipts Total</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>9,931</b>	<b>9,931</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FY 2015 Other (RICAP)</b>				
Other Operating Expenses	0	41,873	0	(41,873)
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,000,000	1,029,790	1,075,680	45,890
Operating Transfers	0	4,017	0	(4,017)
<b>Other Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,075,680</b>	<b>1,075,680</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FY 2015 Grand Total Revised</b>	<b>1,508,370</b>	<b>1,749,030</b>	<b>1,749,030</b>	<b>0</b>
Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
<b>FY 2016 General Revenue Request</b>		<b>[C] FY 2016 CSL</b>	<b>Budget Office</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Wages and Benefits		358,883	358,881	(2)
Contracted Professional Services		5,422	2,465	(2,957) <sup>1</sup>
Operating Supplies and Expenses		12,601	9,578	(3,023) <sup>2</sup>
Assistance and Grants		14,718	14,718	0
Capital Purchases and Equipment		0	0	0
Operating Transfers		0	0	0
<b>General Revenue Total</b>		<b>391,624</b>	<b>385,642</b>	<b>(5,982)</b>
Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		3.79	3.79	0
Fellowship hours		960	960	0
# of Fellowships		4	4	0
<b>FY 2016 Federal Funds</b>				
Wages and Benefits		17,642	17,642	0
Contracted Professional Services		1,134	1,134	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses		6,015	6,015	0
Assistance and Grants		3,680	3,680	0
Operating Transfers		0	0	0
<b>Federal Subtotal</b>		<b>28,471</b>	<b>28,471</b>	<b>0</b>
Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		0.21	0.21	
<b>FY 2016 Restricted Receipts</b>				
Contracted Professional Services		2,695	5,633	2,938
Operating Supplies and Expenses		7,314	9,308	1,994
<b>Restricted Subtotal</b>		<b>10,009</b>	<b>14,941</b>	<b>4,932</b>
<b>FY 2015 Other (RICAP)</b>				
Other Operating Expenses		1,674	0	(1,674)
Capital Purchases and Equipment		1,484,671	1,500,000	15,329
Operating Transfers		13,655	0	(13,655)
<b>Other Subtotal</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FY 2016 Grand Total</b>		<b>1,930,104</b>	<b>1,929,054</b>	<b>(1,050)</b>
Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		4.00	4.00	0.00

#### Our Concerns:

The FY 2016 Budget would fully fund staff, but shift interpreters/CART reporters and postage from general revenue (state \$\$) to donations.

There could be two problems with the recommendation that the Commission use donations to cover general operating expenses.

<sup>1</sup> Shift interpreter/CART from general revenue to donations (Restricted Receipts)

<sup>2</sup> Shift postage from general revenue to donations (Restricted Receipts)

1. That may cause a problem with the incoming administration. Past administrations have explicitly told us NOT to solicit funds for general operations!

2. The provisions of RI General Laws

**§ 42-51-7 Gifts, grants, and donations.** - The commission is authorized to receive any gifts, grants, or donations made for any of the purposes of its program, and to disburse and administer them in accordance with the terms of its program. Can funds donated for a specific purpose (ie. The Public Forums on the Concerns of People with Disabilities) be used for other purposes without the consent of the donor?

**§ 42-51-11 Mary Brennan fellowship fund.** - (a) There is established the Mary Brennan fellowship fund ("the fellowship fund"), which shall be utilized to create a fellowship program for college students with disabilities.

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(g) The commission is authorized and empowered to receive donations and grants from sources including, but not limited to, the federal government, governmental and private foundations, and corporate and individual donors; these donations and grants to be deposited in the fellowship fund. The commission may create additional fellowships from available funds.

Receipt Category:	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total FY 04 - 14
Training Receipts	\$1,500	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$7,405
Training Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$445	\$397	\$0	\$0	\$5,262
<b>Training Carry Forward</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$155</b>	<b>(\$397)</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,761</b>
Public Forum Sponsorship	\$5,160	\$4,500	\$6,269	\$7,140	\$2,550	\$6,505 <sup>3</sup>	\$67,949
Public Forums Expenses	\$5,571	\$5,191	\$6,997	\$4,820	\$5,482	\$6,572	\$64,371
<b>Public Forum Carry Forward</b>	<b>(\$411)</b>	<b>(\$691)</b>	<b>(\$728)</b>	<b>\$2,320</b>	<b>(\$2,932)</b>	<b>(\$67)</b>	<b>\$3,577</b>
Employment Conference Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Employment Conference Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$487	\$1,000	\$1,487
<b>Employment Conference Carry Forward</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,513</b>	<b>(\$1,000)</b>	<b>\$1,513</b>
Resource Recovery Recycling Grant	\$0						\$6,000
Recycling Mini Grants	\$1,560						\$6,000
<b>Resource Recovery Carry Forward</b>	<b>(\$1,560)</b>						<b>(\$0)</b>
Other Donations	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$500	\$72	\$350 <sup>4</sup>	\$7,458
Undesignated Expenses	\$201	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$350	\$2,687
<b>Undesignated Carry Forward</b>	<b>(\$201)</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>(\$929)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,771</b>
Balance from Prior Year	\$14,964	\$13,329	\$11,354	\$10,048	\$11,905	\$10,542	\$9,080
Grand Total Receipts	\$6,660	\$4,650	\$6,869	\$7,640	\$6,222	\$6,855	\$88,812
Indirect Cost Recovery	(\$962)	(\$1,435)	(\$732)	(\$566)	(\$615)	(\$395)	(\$8,547)
Grand Total Expenses	(\$7,332)	(\$5,191)	(\$7,442)	(\$5,217)	(\$6,969)	(\$7,922)	\$78,320
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>\$13,329</b>	<b>\$11,354</b>	<b>\$10,048</b>	<b>\$11,905</b>	<b>\$10,542</b>	<b>\$9,080</b>	<b>\$10,492</b>

**The Executive Committee's Alternative Solution:** Several of the HAVA Polling Place Accessibility Renovation projects have come in under budget. There will be enough HAVA funds carried forward into FY 16 to offset the proposed reduction of funding.

Category Summary	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
Projection as of 12/01/14		Presidential Primary	State Primary
Wages and Benefits	\$23,988	\$7,734	\$7,734
Contracted Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$23,414	\$411	\$411
Assistance and Grants	\$202,573	\$3,200	\$3,200
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$249,975</b>	<b>\$11,345</b>	<b>\$11,345</b>

<sup>3</sup> FY 2015 includes pledges not paid yet.

<sup>4</sup> If parties request a transcript of a hearing, one will be provided at the cost of the Stenographer to transcribe the auto tape of the hearing.

**Office of Performance Management Recommendations: Heard Wednesday Oct. 29, 2014:**

1. **Fostering the Adoption of Policies that will Benefit People with Disabilities.** Question: Has GCD discussed focusing legislative and/ or policy advocacy in a few priority areas each year?
2. **Promoting and Protecting the Rights of People with Disabilities Accessibility.** Recommendation: categorization of the calls GCD receives, and the timeliness of response and/or complaint resolution.
3. **Promoting and Protecting the Rights of People with Disabilities Voting** Question: What data is collected on the number/percentage of voting officials/polling staff trained? Consider requiring the voting official sand polling staff to take a quiz at the end of the training!
4. **Promoting Employment and Entrepreneurship of Working Age People with Disabilities.** Recommendation: Track the unemployment rate amongst work-ready individuals with a disability (on a quarterly basis).

	<p><b>MOTION:</b> To accept the Budget Office’s recommendations for the Commission’s FY 2015 Revised Budget and FY 2016 Budget Request if amended to incorporate the Alternative Solution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Restoration of \$2,957 (general revenue) for Contracted Professional Services;</li> <li>2) Restoration of \$3,023 (general revenue) for Operating Supplies and Expenses;</li> <li>3) To be offset by \$7,734 of HAVA funds for wages and benefits.</li> </ol> <p>Motion moved by CG, seconded by AP, passed unanimously</p>
	<p><i>5:35 The Commission’s 2015 Legislative Package, Linda Ward, Legislation Committee Chair</i></p> <p><b>A. Purpose/Goal: To Adopt the Commission’s 2015 Legislative Package</b></p>

Outcome	2014 Legislative Priorities	Retain for 2015
Yes	1) Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc. a) Maintain the existing RIPTA/RIde service areas;	YES
Yes	b) Adequate funding/new & stable funding source;	
No	c) Expand the RIPTA/RIde service areas/hours beyond the existing service/hours; and	
No	d) Require RIPTA to establish a sliding scale RIde fare.	
No	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 rules;	YES
No	b) Restore the right to medically necessary brand name drugs without requiring two generic failures before allowing brand name;	
No	c) Improve services for adults with autism spectrum disorders;	
Yes	d) Restore multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models;	
Just	e) Restore disability service funding;	
No	f) Post-Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver Transition Plan; and	
No	g) Clarify eligibility for Medicaid/Sherlock services.	
Yes	3) Housing Supports and other services for people with behavioral health concerns: a) Restore the Neighborhood Opportunities Program funding;	Yes
No	b) Create a supportive housing program; and	
No	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.	

Outcome	2014 Legislative Priorities	Retain for 2015
No	4) Accessibility to Services: a) Provide interpreter services for ancillary healthcare programs or supports (including peer supports); and	Follow CDHH lead
No	b) Provide closed captions of all Capitol Television programming.	
No	5) Employment a) Improve school to adult transitional to adult services / employment / post-secondary education; and	YES
Yes	b) Maintain appropriate employment options.	
No	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.	Monitor
On hold	7) Shift to the Employment Committee the Commission's efforts on Refocusing State and Municipal Disability Pension Systems to become Reemployment Systems.	
<b>The Legislation Committee recommends retaining from the 2014 Legislation Package:</b>		
	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; 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:	
	a) Restore the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism spectrum disorders eligibility rules;	
	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) Restore multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models;	
	e) Restore disability service funding;	
	f) Post-Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver Transition Plan; and	
	g) Clarify eligibility for Medicaid/Sherlock services.	
	3) Housing Supports and other services for people with behavioral health concerns:	
	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.	
	Former # 5) 4) Employment a) Improve school to adult transitional to adult services / employment / post-secondary education; and	
	b) Maintain appropriate employment options	
<b>The Legislation Committee recommends the following items be included in the Commission's 2015 Legislative Package:</b>		
	5) Create user friendly resource that is a:	
	a) Single point of entry for <b>all</b> services;	
	b) Benefits Web Portal <sup>5</sup> with	
	c) Peer Navigators and/or Benefits Specialists to assist citizens through the eligibility	

<sup>5</sup> Similar to the multi-state Benefits Bank  
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	process for services
	3 d) Maintain Home Modification funding level
	1 e) Transportation Study Commission
	MOTION: To adopt as the Commission's 2015 Legislative Package the Legislation Committee's recommendations (above) as presented Motion moved by RC, seconded by AP, passed unanimously
	<b>B. Purpose/Goal: To decide which categories of bills to recommend be included in the 2015 Legislative Committee's Scope of Review</b>
	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. <b>Categories not included in the Committee's recommended Scope of Review were:</b> appropriations; education; financial assistance; government operations; motor vehicle insurance/registration; & taxes
	MOTION: To adopt the Legislation Committee's 2015 Scope of Review, as follows: 1) Employment; 2) Housing; 3) Transportation, 4) Healthcare; 5) Civil Rights; 6) Human Services; 7) Medicaid; 8) Special Education; 9) Disability Prevention and 10) to make recommendations to the Executive Committee in regard to budget articles, as revised as above Motion moved by AP, seconded by RC, passed unanimously
	<b>C. Purpose/Goal: To Adopt the 2014 Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of People with Disabilities and Their Families Report</b>
	The testimony from the July Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of People with Disabilities and their Families was reviewed by the Legislation Committee members. The Concerns and Recommendations are below:
	<p><b>Accessibility Concerns</b></p> <p><u>Concern: Fisherman's Memorial Park - rest rooms, have one step</u>  Recommendation: DEM should renovate the rest rooms at Fisherman's Memorial Park - Commission's Staff will follow-up  Page 16</p> <p><u>Concern: Court personnel at Family Court in Providence refused to provide assistance in completing documents</u>  Recommendation: Courts should conduct training annually on accommodating the public - Commission's Staff has spoken to the Court's ADA Coordinator who is addressing the concern  Page 31</p> <p><u>Concern: Newport has: unsafe crosswalks; no audible traffic signals; City Council meetings held in inaccessible room; Valley Road DHS Office does not have automatic door openers</u>  Recommendation: City should move the city council meetings, US Dept. of Justice &amp; Newport have a signed agreement  GCD will inspect the DHS office on Valley Road  Page 36</p>

Concern: No accessible housing for people with breathing disabilities  
Recommendation: RI Housing and the Housing Resource Commission should create accessible housing for people with environmental disabilities  
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Concern: Parking in the van access aisles, disability parking blocked by construction, repair vehicles or police cars  
Recommendation: DMV should distribute flyer on the use of disability parking spaces, to all drivers.  
Cities and towns should utilize the enhanced disability parking enforcement program.  
Pages 17, 48, 72

Concern: East Providence Boys & Girls Club- rest rooms up or down a flight of stairs  
Recommendation: Commission's staff will inspect the EP Boys and Girls Club  
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Concern: Sidewalks with no curb cuts, broken pavement, or very narrow in Providence, Zambarano Hospital and Newport  
Recommendation: Public Works should install curb cuts whenever resurfacing, or micro planning  
Pages 6, 7, 9, 34, 48, 53

**Education/Employment Concerns**

Concern: Employment Discrimination  
Office of Rehabilitation Services already followed up & addressed  
Page 7

Concern: Vocational rehabilitation access/re-entry  
Office of Rehabilitation Services already followed up & addressed  
Page 8

Concern: Access to preferred school  
Recommendation: Committee feels it is unique and should be tabled  
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Concern: Expanding Income limits  
Recommendation: The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals and the Department of Human Services should do public outreach for the Sherlock Plan & Income Disregard  
Page 12

Concern: Day Programs for Adults with Developmental Disabilities  
Recommendation: Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals social workers should follow up with the individual.  
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Concern: Employment Support for Adults with Developmental Disabilities  
Recommendation: Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals & Office of Rehabilitation Services should continue to work together to close the gap between short term and long term funding. Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals already showing approval for additional funding for employment.

	<p>Page 26</p> <p><u>Concern: Communication between departments/streamlining paperwork</u>  <u>Recommendation: Governor's Commission on Disabilities should again submit legislation for peer navigators that assist people in finding out what is available to them in terms of services.</u>  Page 27</p> <p><u>Concern: Employment issue</u>  Office of Rehabilitation Services already followed up &amp; addressed  Page 32</p> <p><u>Concern: Employment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities</u>  <u>Recommendation: Education about Employment First!</u>  Page 37</p> <p><u>Concern: Special Education</u>  <u>Recommendation: RI Department of Education (Diane Lavallee) should follow up with the individual.</u>  Page 61</p> <p><u>Concern: Office of Rehabilitation Services employment plan</u>  Office of Rehabilitation Services already followed up &amp; addressed  Page 69</p>
	<p><b>Healthcare Concerns</b></p> <p><u>Concern: Katie Beckett Services</u>  <u>Recommendation: Contact School Counselors</u>  Page 62</p> <p><u>Concern: Community Resources</u>  <u>Recommendation: Contact NRI</u>  Page 63</p> <p><u>Concern: Accessibility</u>  <u>Recommendation: Contact United Cerebral Palsy</u>  Page 22</p> <p><u>Concern: Gluten Free Coverage</u>  <u>Recommendation: Recontact current insurer</u>  Page 10</p> <p><u>Concern: Staffing shortages</u>  Long Term Care Ombudsperson has met with the hospital  Pages 10 &amp; 28</p> <p><u>Concern: Sidewalks dangerous</u>  Long Term Care Ombudsperson has called the hospital and not received a reply yet.  Page 10</p> <p><u>Concern: Treadmill broken</u>  Long Term Care Ombudsperson has spoken to administrator regarding replacement  Page 10</p>

	<p><u>Concerns: Access to pediatric care</u>  Recommendation: Contact case worker  Page 30</p> <p><u>Concern: Mental Health Funding / Parity</u>  Recommendation: Contact Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities &amp; Hospitals  Page 8, 22, 40</p> <p><u>Concern: Demential Care</u>  Recommendation: Compile addition information/ study of demential care  Page 23</p> <p><u>Concern: Cost of care - medications</u>  Recommendation: Keep contacting social worker  Page 18</p> <p><u>Concern: Understanding benefits</u>  Recommendation - none  Page 28</p>
	<p><b>Independent Living Concerns</b></p> <p><u>Concern Adaptive Housing</u>  Recommendations: Maintain home modification funding at its current level, outreach to the state's Career and Technical Centers' carpentry, construction programs to undertake home modifications  Pages 6, 57</p> <p><u>Concern: Affordable Housing</u>  Recommendation: Increase the percentage of affordable housing that must be accessible to 10%, from Federal Fair Housing requirements of 4%.  Pages 5, 26, 33</p> <p><u>Concern: Lack of Transition Planning, youth to adult, adult with family support to post-sibling/parent services, etc.</u>  Recommendation: Create/fund peer navigators to assist individuals and families to prepare for transition to next phase of life.  Pages 6, 10, 24, 60, 64</p> <p><u>Concern: Co-payments</u>  Recommendation: Clear, understandable and transparent explanations on how co-pays are determined.  Page 17</p> <p><u>Concern: Developmental Disabilities Funding</u>  Recommendation: Maintain support service funding for all persons with disabilities  Pages 14, 39, 66</p> <p><u>Concern: The interaction between Police persons with Autism, behavior health and other disabilities.</u>  Recommendation: Increased training for current and new police officers.  Restoration of funding for behavioral health interventions, publizie the 800 # for crisis intervention services (by trained professionals to assist police to descolate a</p>

	<p>standoff. Page 54</p> <p><u>Concern: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Gluten-free food</u> Recommendation: Cost adjustment for doctor prescribed special diets. Pages 26, 67, 68</p>
	<p><b>Transportation Concerns</b> <u>Concern: LogistiCare</u> Recommendation: Write a letter to LogistiCare and ask for the following information. Based on the information provided by LogistiCare some form of legislation can be written. What accountability does RIPTA/RIDE have if LogistiCare is a subcontractor? Did LogistiCare come to the state as a result of legislation? Write letter to LogistiCare asking LogistiCare about there on time performance. Accountability for LogistiCare for providing on time transportation. Is HIPAA violated when LogistiCare calls the clients medicle provider and reschedules appointments without the clients knowledge or consent. Contact the Veterans Administration in Rhode Island with recommendations for clarification of receiving transportation for disabled veterans medicle or otherwise. Pages 5, 28, 33, 35, 42</p> <p><u>Concern: RIPTA/RIDE</u> Recommendation: That there be a legislative mandated review of the 3 quarter mile and the feesability of extending it. Also the Ride time window to pick up clients. Form a state commission to look at how effective transportation is for people with disabilities and this commission would make recommendations to the governor and the legislature for improving transportation for people with disabilities. Pages: RIdle · 29, 43, 45, 46, 52 &amp; RIPTA bus · 7, 40, 45, 50, 53, 55</p>
	<p>QUESTION: Should the Commission’s 2015 Legislative Package be listed in the Public Forum Report?</p>
	<p>MOTION: To Adopt the 2014 Public Forums to Identify the Concerns of People with Disabilities and Their Families Report, as <i>revised to include</i> the Commission’s 2015 Legislative Package and transmit to the Congressional Delegation, General Officers, General Officers-Elect and members and members-elect of the General Assembly. Motion moved by AA, seconded by LW, passed unanimously</p>
	<p><b><i>6:10 Adoption of the 2015 Schedule of Commission and Committee Meetings, Timothy Flynn</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Purpose/Goal: To adopt the 2015 schedule of Commission and Committee Meetings</b></p>

**DRAFT Governor’s Commission on Disabilities 2015 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 5 - 6:30 PM: 04/13<sup>th</sup>; 07/13<sup>th</sup>; (Thursday) 09/10<sup>th</sup>; and 11/30<sup>th</sup>.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2 - 3 PM: 04/27<sup>th</sup>; 06/22<sup>nd</sup>; 8/24<sup>h</sup>; 10/26<sup>th</sup>.



**Disability Business  
Enterprise Committee**

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

The Disability Business Enterprise Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 9 - 10 AM 04/20<sup>th</sup>; 06/15<sup>th</sup>; 08/17<sup>h</sup>; 11/16<sup>th</sup>.



**Election  
Assistance  
Committee**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 2 - 3 PM: 05/14<sup>th</sup>; 08/13<sup>th</sup>; 10/13<sup>th</sup>.



**Employment  
Committee**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 9:30 - 11 AM: 04/09<sup>th</sup>; 06/11<sup>th</sup>; 08/13<sup>th</sup>; 10/13<sup>th</sup>.



**Hearing  
Board**

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.



**Legislation  
Committee**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 3 - 4:30 PM: 01/05<sup>th</sup>; 02/02<sup>nd</sup>; 03/02<sup>nd</sup>; 04/06<sup>th</sup>; 05/4<sup>th</sup>; 06/01<sup>st</sup>; 07/06<sup>th</sup>; 08/10<sup>th</sup>; 09/21<sup>st</sup>; 11/02<sup>nd</sup>; and 12/07<sup>th</sup>.



**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).

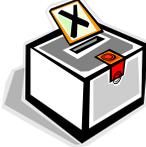


**Executive  
Committee**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 4 - 5 PM: 05/11<sup>th</sup> (spring & fall fellowship interviews); 08/29<sup>th</sup> and 12/07<sup>th</sup> (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><b>MOTION:</b> To adopt the 2015 schedule of Commission and Committee Meetings, as presented above Motion moved by AP, seconded by SES, passed unanimously</p>
<p><b>Status Reports:</b></p>	
	<p><b>6:15 Committee &amp; Staff Reports</b></p> <p><b>Purpose/Goal:</b> To brief the commission on activities and accomplishments since the last meeting</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Business Enterprise - still waiting for the Department of Administration to issue updated Purchasing Regulations</li> <li>• Election Accessibility Committee: 126 polling places renovated in 21 communities prior to the November 4<sup>th</sup> election, at a cost of \$211,550.</li> <li>• Employment - Planning a Spring Employment Conference</li> <li>• Legislation - Concern about the delay in scheduling the Developmental Disabilities Ombudsperson stakeholders' meeting?</li> <li>• Department of Health has discontinued the Comfort One bracelet program, which has been replaced with Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment ( MOLST<sup>i</sup> ) form?</li> </ul>



## ***6:30 Adjournment, Chair***

**MOTION: To adjourn at 6:11 PM**

**Motion moved by SES, seconded by AP, passed unanimously**

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### **<sup>i</sup> Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)**

Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) are instructions to follow a terminally ill patient's wishes regarding resuscitation, feeding tubes and other life-sustaining medical treatments. The MOLST form can be used to refuse *or* request treatments and are completely voluntary on the part of patients. These orders can supplement Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) instructions or a COMFORT ONE bracelet. [more](#)  
What Patients or Their Recognized Healthcare Decision Makers May Do

- Talk to your healthcare provider to discuss your condition, consider treatment options, and decide on your wishes related to life-sustaining treatments.
- File a copy of the MOLST form with your healthcare provider to make your wishes known. Once this form is filed it must be followed by all of your medical providers and in any Rhode Island healthcare facility where you go for care. The MOLST form may be honored in some other states and is always a good record of your treatment preferences.
- Keeps the MOLST form with you where it is easy to locate (e.g., on the refrigerator, beside the bed, or on the door), and carry it with you or trips outside the home. Make copies and give them to your recognized healthcare decision maker and/or family members.
- Amend or revoke your orders at any time. A new form should be completed and signed whenever there are any changes to any of the orders.

### **What Healthcare Providers Should Do**

A physician, registered nurse practitioner, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant who is authorized by the patient is authorized to sign Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment.

- Treat a patient in accordance with the patient's MOLST form, even if the healthcare provider who signed the MOLST order is not on staff at a facility.
- Ensure a patient's Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment are transferred with the patient if he/she is transferred to another healthcare provider.
- If a new terminally ill patient comes under your care, you should ask about the existence of a MOLST form from the patient and/or the facility that is transferring the patient.
- Review the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment on admission and ensure that the orders reflect the patient's current wishes.
- If the terminally ill patient does not have Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment, you should offer them the opportunity to complete a form on admission to a nursing home, assisted living facility, home health agency, hospice program, kidney dialysis center, or hospital.
- Document if a terminally ill patient does not file Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment and explain the consequences of making no decision to the patient or their recognized healthcare decision maker. If there are no limitations on care, except as otherwise provided by law, cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be attempted and other treatments will be given. If a choice regarding cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is not made, cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be attempted using all available treatment options.
- Void the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment if requested by your patient. To do this draw a diagonal line through the sheet, write "VOID" in large letters across the page, and sign and date below the line. Keep the voided MOLST form in the patient's active or archived medical record, as appropriate.
- Follow the most recent version of the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment if more than one form is found in the medical records.