

# Minutes



**Community Support WORKING GROUP,**  
**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**Wednesday October 4, 2006 2:00-3:30 PM**  
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**Attendance:** Ken Pariseau, convener; Linda Deschenes, & Arthur Plitt

## MINUTES

<b>1.</b>	Introductions	Ken Pariseau Convener
Ken Pariseau convened the meeting at 2:00 PM		
<b>2.</b>	Review of the Public Forum Testimony	
Members of the working group reviewed the testimony and discussed possible concerns and recommendations.		
<b>3.</b>	Development of Concerns and Recommendations	
MOTION: To recommend the following to the Legislation Committee: Motion made by ken Pariseau and seconded by Linda Deschenes. All voted in favor.		

Themes/Findings	Recommendation	Testimony on Pages
The need for additional "job coaches" for persons with disabilities	Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MT Team per diem includes voc rehab</li> <li>• Grants</li> </ul>	Letter
Lack of respite for parents with a child with severe disabilities	State funded respite services	Letter
Inadequate in-home behavioral intervention services	Develop additional home based training and behavioral management resources	Letter
Inadequate community-based psychiatric services	1) Loan repayment plans to keep newly trained providers in the state 2) Review reimbursement rate structure 3) Alternative models for behavioral health interventions for Persons with Disabilities	Letter
Additional community based support services such as speech and language specialists	Increase settings where services can be provided and reimbursed by health plans	Letter
Teachers are often poorly prepared and supported to understand and manage the needs of children with special health care needs in their classrooms		Letter

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Poorly developed and inadequately enforced IEPs	1) Contact RIDE 2) Contact RIPIN for support 3) Opportunity present as RI needs to develop regulations to comply with new IDEA regulations. A more frequent review of school district compliance (current policy: every 5 years)	Letter
Lack of appropriate school-based accommodations. Poorly enforced accommodation requirements.	Same as above	Letter
Lack of sufficient number of teachers at Zambarano in the summer	Summer internship opportunities for teachers and other rehab interns	15
Poor client treatment at Slater	1) Does new abuse and neglect legislation apply to facilities like Slater? If not, does it need to be amended? 2) What are mandated standards for reporting of intern concerns by supervisor? 3) Is there a need for follow-up by GCD to RI Disability Law Center and/or MHRH?	16
Lack of family supports (i.e. recreational activities) for families with young adults with special health care needs.		9
Lack of awareness of available resources for Persons with disabilities	Better education re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Point</li> <li>• Ask Rhody</li> </ul>	
The need for additional resources to help transition young adults with special health care needs from school into community network supports; employment opportunities; transportation		17
Confusion re: guardianship issues	1) Family education re: guardian process 2) Ensuring protection for Persons with Disabilities in the guardian process	35,36,37,40
Linda Deschenes/Arthur Plitt passed unanimously		
Adjourned	3:30 PM	