



Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee

Monday January 11, 2010 3 – 4:30 PM

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Attendees:	Linda Ward (Chair.); William R. Inlow (Vice Chair.); Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Rosemary C. Carmody; Linda Deschenes; Timothy Flynn; Laura Jones; Jean Lawlor; Paula Parker; Gwendolyn Reeve; Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin	
Absent:	Ray Bandusky; Julie DeRosa; Elaina Goldstein; Liberty Goodwin; Maureen Maigret; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Arthur M. Plitt; Janet Spinelli; & Theresa Thaelke	
----- Minutes -----		
Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Linda Ward, Chairperson	5 min.
Introductions:		
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as revised to indicate Rory Carmody wasn't present. RC/ TF Unanimously		
Action Items:	Invited representatives from:	Time:
1. Draft Accessible Crosswalk Bill	RI Department of Transportation Bernard Frezza & Robert Roccio	20 min
Discussion: DOT asked questions regarding the need, in light of the federal law. Could the bill be revised to incorporate a requirement that the Commission conduct municipal roadway plan reviews.		
MOTION: To direct staff to arrange introduction of the Draft Accessible Crosswalk Bill as presented BI/TF passed PP abstain		
2. Draft Client Protective Services Bill	EOHHS, Ann Martino, Jane Morgan; Deborah Buffi; & Laurie ?? -Brown RIDMHRH, Craig Stenning; DEA, Corrine Russo; RIDOH, Helen Drew; & Attorney General, Joe Lindbeck	20 min
Discussion: Craig Stenning, Jane Morgan will provide cross reference and include other abuse reporting, Helen Drew expand to include reporting of all health care professionals to DoH;		
MOTION: To direct staff to arrange introduction of the Draft Client Protective Services Bill as revised to incorporate the following ...		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Centralized reporting hotline and public safety agencies contact point for all 		

protective services to adults at EOHHS; include agency/practitioner reporting to centralized hotline but not limited to:

- Chapter 5-63.1 Reporting Of Sexual Misconduct By Mental Health Professionals,
- 23-17-40. Hospital events reporting.
- Chapter 23-17.8 Abuse in Health Care Facilities,
- 40.1-5-40.1. Mental Health Law - Duty to report,
- Chapter 40.1-27 Penalties for Abuse of Persons with Developmental Disabilities,
- EOHHS arrange for immediate (overnight, etc.) crisis intervention supports until appropriate agency can plan and implement longer term supports;
- Reports sent to the appropriate licensing entity for any actions against individual professional or facility licensure;
- Follow up planning and implement of longer term supports remain at DEA, MHRH, ORS or their provider network
- hot line starting date to 7/1/10

TF/RC passed, abstained LD, PP

3. Draft John J. MacDonald Jr. Transportation Initiative (wheelchair accessible taxis) Bill	RI Public Transit Authority, Henry Kinch & Mark Therrian Division of Public Utilities & Carriers, Terry Mercer	20 min
Discussion: Mark Therrian, Henry Kinch, & Terry Mercer suggested the bill be revised to incorporate RIPTA & DPUC that at least 1 accessible taxi cabs operating in each county with RIPTA covering 80% of the cost of accessible taxicab.		
MOTION: To direct staff to arrange introduction of the Draft John MacDonald Transportation Initiative Bill incorporating RIPTA & DPUC concerns with a deadline for implementation. GW/RC passed, Abstain BI.		
4. Newly introduced bills	Bob Cooper	20 min.
<i>NO NEW LEGISLATION TO REVIEW</i>		
Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
Wed. Jan. 13 th 1 PM House Finance hearing on Global Waiver Implementation Meeting Schedule: Monday's 02/08; 03/08; 04/12; 05/10; 06/14; 07/12; 08/30; 09/20; 11/08; and 12/13 from 3 – 4:30 PM.		
Next meeting will be on:	Monday February 8, 2010	Starting at: 3 PM
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:38 PM	
Observers:	Anthony Robinson, House Policy Office	
Resource persons:	Bob Cooper, Committee Staff, Morgan K Fuchs, GCD Fellow Kate Sherlock, RIDLC	