



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Legislation Committee Minutes Monday December 13, 2010 3-4:30 PM

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	<p>Attendees: Linda Ward (Chair.); William R. Inlow (Vice Chair.); Sharon Brinkworth; Rosemary C. Carmody; Linda Deschenes; Timothy Flynn; Laura Jones; Arthur M. Plitt; Gwendolyn Reeve; & Theresa Thielke</p> <p>Absentees: Ray Bandusky; Rebecca Boss; Julie DeRosa; Elaina Goldstein; Jean Lawlor; Maureen Maigret; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Paula Parker; Sarah Everhart Skeels; & Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin</p>
Guests:	Ann Leamy, Lori Lombardi-Burns, Susan Feldman, Diane Lawton, & Christine Botts from BHDDH, & Jane Morgan, EOHHS. Anthony Robinson from the RI House of Representatives
Staff:	Bob Cooper

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 <small>Clock graphic</small>	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Linda Ward, Chairperson	3:00
<p>Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:05 Introductions of Committee Members and guests</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented TF/BI passed.</p>			

Action Items:			
 <small>law graphic</small>	Status of the Commission's 2011 Legislative Package	Linda Ward	3:05
<p>Purpose/Goal: Brief the Committee members on the outcome of the Commission's Dec. 29th Legislative Meeting.</p> <p>Discussion: Discussion: Commission Adopted the Committee's 2011 Legislative Package recommendations with one additional item (see # 12 below).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crisis Intervention Services for abuse non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impairments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request information on the new EOHHS/BHDDH program and b) Prepare legislation if needed to address any gaps; 2. Bureau of Criminal Identification checks of in-home personal care service workers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Find out which services do not require BCI check and b) Prepare legislation if needed to address any gaps; 3. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc.: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintain the existing RIPTA/RIde service areas and b) Advocate for adequate funding; 			

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	<p>c) Outside of the RIPTA/Ride service areas/hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Watch the startup of the RI Public Transit Authority's John J. MacDonald Jr. Transportation /New Freedom Initiative [accessible taxicabs] and ii) Prepare legislative if needed; <p>d) Join the RI Coalition for Transportation Choices;</p> <p>4. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Make sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Keep the children with special health care needs programs, the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism spectrum disorders eligibility rules; ii) Expand the Sherlock (employee buy-in health care) Plan; and iii) Keep the right to medically necessary brand name drugs. Do not require 2 generic failures before allowing brand name drugs; and b) Prepare legislation if needed to address any rollbacks; <p>5. Home Modifications (access changes) so family members with severe disabilities can remain at home rather than be placed in costly institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increase funding to address the 1 - 2 year backlog and b) Establish a Home Modifications Revolving Fund for People with Disabilities and the Elderly, similar to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts <p>6. Disability Business Enterprise program's purchasing rules are in place;</p> <p>7. Housing Support and other services for people with behavioral health concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Advocate for continued funding of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program and b) Support the creation of a supportive housing program; <p>8. Affordable Care Act (national health care reform):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Watch the impact on people with special health care needs and b) Prepare legislation if needed; <p>9. Respite for Family Caregivers of non-elderly adults with non-developmental disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Advocate for expansion of services to cover the family caregivers of 22 - 60 year old adults who have disabilities other than developmental <p>10. Assist in creating rules for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) RI Department of Transportation - accessible (pedestrian) crosswalks have curb cuts on both sides; b) RI Housing/Housing Resources Commission - allowing clothes washing & drying machines in apartments in low cost housing as an accommodation for people with chemical sensitivities; and c) RI Department of Human Services - address the Workers' Compensation liability of the person w/ the disability who employs in-home care; <p>11. Transition from Youth services (education, Medicaid, etc.) to Employment, or postsecondary education or adult services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Request information from the RI Dept of Education on barriers to smooth transition and b) Prepare legislation if needed; and <p>12. Update RI's Access Building Code to match the 2012 US Access Guidelines.</p>		
	<p>The Legislation Committee is authorized to read and comment on 2011 bills about: Civil Rights, Disability Prevention, Employment, Medicaid, Health Insurance, Professional Standards, Housing, Human Services, Special Education, and Transportation (to the Governor and General Assembly Committees).</p> <p>The Legislation Committee is directed to report to the Executive Committee on the impact of</p>		

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budget articles.			
	Crisis Intervention Status Report	Representative from the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals	3:20
<p>Purpose/Goal: To listen to an status report on the new EOHHS/BHDDH program and prepare legislation if needed to address any gaps</p>			
<p>Discussion: Jane Morgan (OHHS) et. al. briefed the Committee on the Article 5 consolidation of children, seniors, & adults with disabilities protective services. Pre-crisis (early) intervention to work with the family prior to abuse to stabilize. There is a weekly review of all cases. Many people need to be hooked up to mental health, SSDI or SSI, or other services. In Feb. 2011 will be reaching out to the Police Dept. BHDDH has contracts with many providers so they are able to meet the overnight needs of an abused person.</p>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: To direct staff to work with EOHHS/BHDDH/DHS/DEA draft legislation for consideration at the Monday January 10th meeting AP/RC passed unanimously</p>		
<p>Discussion: Chris Botts from BHDDH spoke of their proposed legislation to create a state agency set aside purchasing requirement for rehabilitation agencies.</p>			
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	<p>Bureau of Criminal identification checks of in-home personal care service workers and Workers' Compensation liability of the person w/ the disability who employs in-home care</p>	Representative from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services	3:40
<p>Purpose/Goal: To determine if legislation is needed to require BCI checks for in-home personal care service workers and workers' compensation coverage.</p>			
<p>Discussion: JM mentioned that a BCI check is required for MHRH service provider, but not being fully implemented - no national check required.</p>			
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	<p>Transition from Youth services (education, Medicaid, etc.) to Employment, or post-secondary education or adult services</p>	Representative from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	4:00
<p>Purpose/Goal: To determine if legislation is needed to require improve the transition from</p>			

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	youth/special education to the adult service system.		
	No representative from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education attended the meeting.		
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 <small>Announcer graphic</small>	Announcements	Linda Ward	4:20
 <small>calendar graphic</small>	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting	Linda Ward	4:25
<p>The Legislation Committee is scheduled to meet on the 2nd Monday 3 - 4:30 PM: 01/10; 02/14; 03/14; 04/11; 05/09; 06/13; 07/11; 08/15*; 09/19; 11/07; and 12/12.</p> <p>Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EOHHS asked to report on the need for Bureau of Criminal identification checks of in-home personal care service workers and Workers' Compensation liability of the person w/ the disability who employs in-home care 2. RIDEd asked to report on the need for Transition from Youth services (education, Medicaid, etc.) to Employment, or post-secondary education or adult services 3. Review and approve draft legislation implementing the Commission's 2011 Legislative Package. 			
<p>Next meeting will be on: Jan. 10th 3 - 4:30 PM</p>			
 <small>alarm clock graphic</small>	Adjournment	Linda Ward	4:30
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