



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Legislation Committee

Monday November 7, 2011 3-4:30 PM

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 <small>meeting graphic</small>	<p>Attendees: Linda Ward (Chair.); William R. Inlow (Vice Chair.); Jeanne Behie*; Rosemary C. Carmody; Jonathan Dupre; Kathleen Heren; Paula Parker; Arthur M. Plitt; Gwendolyn Reeve; & Angelina Stabile</p> <p>Absentees: Ray Bandusky; Rebecca Boss; Sharon Brinkworth; Joseph Cirillo; Julie DeRosa; Linda Deschenes; <i>Sarah Everhart Skeels</i>; Timothy Flynn; Elaina Goldstein; Roger Harris; Laura Jones; Maureen Maignet; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Joseph Reppucci; Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin; & Theresa Thaelke;</p>
Guests:	Anthony Robinson, House Policy Office
Staff:	Bob Cooper & Emily Crowell

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 <small>Clock graphic</small>	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Linda Ward, Chairperson	3:00 PM
	Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:05 PM Introductions of Commissioners and guests		

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented AS/AP passed unanimously

Action Items:			
 <small>law graphic</small>	Commission's Legislative Package	Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary	3:05 PM
	Purpose/Goal: To review the 2011 Legislative Package, determine which items to recommend for the 2012 Legislative Package		
	Discussion:		Status
	1. Crisis Intervention Services for abuse non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impairments		Not Enacted
	2. Bureau of Criminal Identification checks of in-home personal care service workers		Not Enacted
	3. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc. and:		
	a) Maintain the existing RIPTA/Ride service areas		Accomplished
	b) Advocate for adequate funding;		Not Accomplished
	c) Outside of the RIPTA/RIDE service areas/hours:		Not Accomplished
	d) Monitor the startup of the RI Public Transit Authority's John J. MacDonald Jr. Transportation /New Freedom Initiative [accessible taxicabs] and		Not Accomplished
	e) Join the RI Coalition for Transportation Choices		Yes

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	4. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities:		
	a) Keep the children with special health care needs programs, the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism spectrum disorders eligibility rules		Not Accomplished
	b) Expand the Sherlock (employee buy-in health care) Plan		Enacted
	c) Keep the right to medically necessary brand name drugs without requiring two generic failures before allowing brand name drugs		Not Accomplished
	5. Home Modifications (access changes) so family members with severe disabilities can remain at home rather than be placed in costly institutions:		
	a) Increase funding to address the 1 - 2 year backlog and		Not Enacted
	b) Establish a Home Modifications Revolving Fund for People with Disabilities and the Elderly, similar to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts		Not Enacted
	6. Disability Business Enterprise program's purchasing rules are in place		Not Enacted
	7. Housing Support and other services for people with behavioral health concerns:		
	a) Advocate for continued funding of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program		Not Enacted
	b) Support the creation of a supportive housing program		Not Enacted
	8. Affordable Care Act (national health care reform); watch the impact on people with special health care needs		Not Enacted
	9. Respite for Family Caregivers of non-elderly adults with non-developmental disabilities; advocate for expansion of services to cover the family caregivers of 22 - 60 year old adults who have disabilities other than developmental		Not Enacted
	10. Assist in creating rules for:		
	a) RI Department of Transportation - accessible (pedestrian) crosswalks have curb cuts on both sides as required by RIPL 2010 Chapters 201 & 210		Not Accomplished
	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;		Not Accomplished
	c) RI Department of Human Services - address the Workers' Compensation liability of the person w/ the disability who employs in-home care		Not Accomplished
	11. Transition from Youth services (education, Medicaid, etc.) to Employment, or post-secondary education or adult services; request information from the Adult Service providers on barriers to smooth transition from special education and DCYF		Not Accomplished
	12. Update RI's Access Building Code to match the 2012 US Access Guidelines		Enacted
	13. Repeal of laws, the Commission no longer has the resources to implement:		
	a) § 42-51-10 State coordinating committee on disability rights		Not Enacted
	b) The annual reporting provisions of § 31-28-7.3 Disability parking enforcement program		Enacted
	The Legislative Package should contain no more than 12 items (including new ones added from this year's Public Forums).		



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MOTION: To recommend the Commission include the following items from the 2011 Legislative Package in the 2012 Legislative Package:

1. Crisis Intervention Services for abuse non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impairments
2. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc.
 - a. Maintain the existing RIPTA/Ride service areas;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Adequate funding/new & stable funding source c. Outside of the RIPTA/RIDE service areas/hours <p>3. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 drugs c. Improve Autism adult services d. Retain multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models e. Restore developmental disability service funding <p>4. Housing Support 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 c. Restore Assistive housing SSI funding <p>5. Transition from Youth services (education, Medicaid, etc.) to Employment, or post-secondary education or adult services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Require implementation of the transition planning be completed prior to exiting youth services b. Provide navigators to assist aging parents/caregivers of independent consumer with developmental disabilities transition to services c. Provide transition for young adults with Autism to adult service providers <p>AS/KH passed, PP Abstained</p>		

Public Forum - Working Groups' Recommendations

 <p>meeting graphic</p>	<p>Public Forum - Working Groups' Recommendations</p>		
<p>Purpose/Goal: To determine which working group's concerns and recommendations to recommend the Commission add to the 2012 Legislative Package</p>			

	Concern	Recommendation	End notes of the Testimony
	Employment	Roger Harris, Convener	
	1. Infrastructure and resources regarding accessibility and information. Some individuals do not know what resources are available to them and what they need to ask for.	Continued education of public awareness of the rights and responsibilities of all individuals. Proactive education to access of resources.	46, 60
	2. information about resources regarding business' (information and referral)	Information, referrals, and education to potential business owners with disabilities (possibly a one page informational piece to be distributed)	11, 87

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3. opinion piece/no action	No action	69, 34,106, 6, 27,13
4. budget cuts effects department of labor and training capacity	Continued advocacy regarding budget cuts and legislation and the services and departments they affect	11, 113, 118
Housing	Gwen Reeve, Convener	
5. The amount of affordable and accessible housing in RI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. statewide legislation including language that would assure priority for accessible housing to be given to disabled individuals 2. a legislative counsel to research legislation in other states that gives preference and priority to disabled individuals regarding housing 3. possible federal (or state mandated) criteria in terms of disability to narrow scope to a need based spectrum to obtain accessible housing vs. those who need only adaptable housing. 	16, 24, 63, 69, 87
6. chemical sensitivity- mainly focusing on pesticides	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopting a neighborhood notification law 2. A legislative counsel to research laws in place in other states and what agency enforces the laws 	124
7. SSI Cuts- affect housing-	Write a letter of recommendation to reverse cuts as they deeply affect individuals safety net and income	30, 36, 40, 75, 80, 104, 113
Human Services	Kathleen Heren, Convener	
1. Lack of accessible communication of government notices (SNAP), not written in understandable language.	Require notices to be written in understandable language and in multiple formats.	67
2. Limited accessible communication of services (Substance Abuse)	Require services in accessible formats	87, 92
3. Lack of transition planning from children's to adult services	Require implementation of the transition planning to be completed prior to exiting youth service	12, 17, 42, 50, 105
4. Traumatic transition between foster home and family	Need to get clarification from DCYF	44
5. Lack of Autism adult services - BHDDH eligibility criteria	Need to get clarification from BHDDH on support for "high" functioning adults with autism.	12, 45, 105, 46, 50
6. Fear of discontinue of Behavioral Health programs; i.e. CMAP, Club Housing models	Advocate support of multiple service delivery models.	38, 67, 92, 108, 120
7. DD services - funding and capacity	Advocate for enough funding for services	22, 24, 31, 34, 35, 70, 100, 116, 121
8. Aging independent consumer with developmental disabilities, needing services later in life, difficulty locating	Support and assistance	

	Concern	Recommendation	End notes of the Testimony
	system navigators for assistance		
9.	Reassessment of Katie Beckett eligibility	Monitor application of the definition of eligibility	29,
	Transportation	Tim Flynn, Convener	
1.	Federal/congress make cuts to public transportation that could effect RIPTA/Ride and cut funding further	Table until springtime (funding through March 31 st 2012)	65, 123,101
2.	Funding formula is broken for public transportation.	Look at other sources of money, look at the funding formula. Suggestions for other means of funding for public transportation.	29, 65,106
3.	Raising awareness of who it impacts, people associate transportation w/ RIPTA do not think of Ride and the fact that many disabled people rely on it as their only means of transportation	Executive committee draft document of impact statement to the transportation subcommittee of the finance committee- put a face to the cause.	100, 25,101, 123,109
4.	Cuts to DD system and services	Get behind advocacy groups and services working on behalf of the DD system to restore cuts to transportation. Advocate earmarks for disabled transportation from any expansions for RIPTA funding.	118, 34, 90,10



MOTION: To recommend the following items be added to the Commission's 2012 Legislative Package:

6. Require Neighborhood notification prior to chemical pesticide lawn treatments JD/AS passed, Abstain PP

MOTION To add

7. Eliminate Health Insurance Plans' Tier 4 Drug Category GR/BI passed, Abstained PP & AP



Announcements

Linda Ward

4:20 PM



Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting

Linda Ward

4:25 PM

Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda:

1. Draft Legislation

Next meeting will be on: Monday December 12, 2011



Adjournment

Linda Ward

4:30 PM

MOTION: To adjourn at 4:35 PM GR/JD passed unanimously