



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Legislation Committee

Monday December 7, 2011 3-4:30 PM

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

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 Clock graphic	<p>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</p> <p>Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:06 PM Introductions of Commissioners and guests</p>	<p>Linda Ward, Chairperson</p>	<p>3:00 PM</p>
 voting check off graphic	<p>MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented/ AS/AP passed unanimously</p>		

Action Items:			
 law graphic	<p>Commission's Legislative Package</p>	<p>Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary</p>	<p>3:05 PM</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: To draft bills for the 2012 Legislative Package</p>			
<p>Discussion: The 2012 Legislative Package as adopted by the Commission is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crisis Intervention Services for abuse non-elderly adults (18-64) with severe impairments 2. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 3. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of 			

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	<p>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 services for adults with autism spectrum disorders d. Retain multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models e. Restore developmental disability service funding <p>4. Housing Supports 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 spectrum disorders to adult service providers <p>6. Require neighborhood notification prior to chemical pesticide lawn treatments</p> <p>7. Require Health Insurance Plans to cover specialty drug (Tier 4 Drug Category) in Tier 3</p> <p>8. Refocusing the Disability Business Enterprise Program on assisting small businesses owned and controlled by person(s) with disabilities</p> <p>9. Refocusing State and Municipal Disability Pension Systems to become Reemployment Systems</p>		

Discussion: The initial drafts of the bills are attached.

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	Issue	Team Members
	Crisis Intervention Services	Linda Ward*; Terry Thoelke; Meredith Sheehan; Arthur Plitt; Rory Carmody; & Bill Inlow
	Transportation	Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin; & Angelina Stabile; Rory Carmody*; & Bill Inlow; Potential member: Judi Drew
Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver	Sharon Brinkworth*; Arthur Plitt*; Linda Ward; Potential members: Dawn Wardykga	

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		(RIPIN); Joanne Quinn (Autism Project); URI College of Pharmacy	
	Housing Supports	Joe Cirillo; Linda Ward*	
	Transition from Youth Services		
	Neighborhood notification	Joe Cirillo;	
	Specialty Drug Coverage in Tier 3	Arthur Plitt; Kathleen Heren; Jon DuPre; Meredith Sheehan (for Gwen Reeve); Potential member: URI College of Pharmacy	
	Disability Business Enterprise Program	Terry Thielke; Potential member: Sue Babin (DDC) & Ann Frank (PAL)	
	Disability Pension Systems to Reemployment	Elaina Goldstein; Bill Inlow; Potential member: Judi Drew	
*team leaders AS/JD passed unanimously			

	Announcements	Linda Ward	4:20 PM
	AS - Providence Journal has agreed to reinstate the Newline feed, after receiving a letter from the NFB.		
	EG - URI is preparing a grant proposal - to create interdisciplinary team pilot program for people with developmental disabilities and neuroscience disease case management who are enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, and/or private health insurance plans. The proposal would train and hire persons with disabilities to be the "health & wellness navigators".		
	A request to get place cards identifying the members for the next meeting.		

	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting	Linda Ward	4:25 PM
	The Legislation Committee meets the 2 nd Monday 3 - 4:30 PM: 01/09; 02/13; 03/12; 04/16; 05/14; 06/11; 07/09; 08/20*; 09/24; 10/29; and 12/10.		
	Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: 1. Draft Legislation		
	Next meeting will be on: Monday January 9, 2012		

	Adjournment	Linda Ward	4:30 PM
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	MOTION: To adjourn at 4:22 PM JD/AS passed unanimously		
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