

Minutes



Executive Committee

Wednesday August 24, 2004 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Secretary:

Bob Cooper

Attendees:

Paul Choquette (Chair); John McDonald (Vice Chair); Regina Connor; Binyamin Efreom; Ronald McMinn; & Bill Nieranowski

Excused:

Rosemary Carmody; Judi Drew; Vicki Ferrara; Tim Flynn; Scott Greco; & Paul Grenon

Minutes

4:00 PM

Call to Order

Paul Choquette, Chair

Discussion: Call to order at 4:10 PM.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as mailed BN/RC passed, BE abstained

4:05 PM

Preparing for the Annual Meeting:

Review Draft Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2006 & 2007,

Discussion:

The Commission at its June meeting placed on adoption of the 50th Anniversary of the Commission, October 23, 2006 Plan (including budget).

Bylaws stipulate that "An annual meeting of the commission shall be held yearly in September to:

- Adopt the operational plan of the commission including the establishment or retention of committees, in addition to those established by law or these General Operating Rules, and volunteer units;
- Allocate resources, adopt a supplemental budget request for the current fiscal year and set fee and complementary gift schedules;
- Adopt a budget request following fiscal year;
- Elect the vice chairperson; and
- Give advice and consent to the Chairperson's appointments of committee chairpersons and members and liaisons to other boards.

MOTION: To adopt the following agenda for the Commission's Annual Meeting,

Saturday September 10, 2005:

- 1) The 50th Anniversary of the Commission, October 23, 2006 Proposal;
- 2) Adopt the operational plan of the commission including:
 - a) the establishment or retention of committees, in addition to those established by law or these General Operating Rules, and volunteer units;
 - b) allocate resources,
 - c) adopt a FY 06 Supplemental Budget Request and direct its submission to the Budget Office, and to the House & Senate Fiscal Advisors;
 - d) set fee and complementary gift schedules;
 - e) Adopt the FY 07 budget request and direct its submission to the Budget Office, and to the House & Senate Fiscal Advisors;
- 3) Elect the vice chairperson; and
- 4) Give advice and consent to the Chairperson's appointments of committee chairpersons and members and liaisons to other boards.

RMcM/JMacD passed unanimously

Prepare Recommendations (including Budget and Allocation of Staff) for the Commission's consideration

Discussion: Review the proposal operational plan for FY 06 & 07, including

- 1) the establishment or retention of committees, in addition to those established by law or these General Operating Rules, and volunteer units;
- 2) allocate resources,
- 3) recommend a FY 06 supplemental budget request;
- 4) set fee and complementary gift schedules; and
- 5) recommend a FY 07 budget, for the Commission's consideration.

MOTION: To submit to the Commission for consideration at the Annual Meeting, September 10, 2005 the proposed operational plan/budget for FY 06 & 07, as revised to:

1. allocate \$2,400 of the HRIC-DBE Grant's funds in FY 06 to conduct marketing training for Disability Business Enterprises/Rehabilitation Facilities;
2. allocate up to \$500 of general revenue in FY 07 to the conduct similar marketing training for Disability Business Enterprise/Rehabilitation Facilities (if unallocated general revenue funds can be identified);
3. reduce by ½ (to \$1,500) HRIC-Promoting Work Grant funds in FY 06 to cover non-employee travel to the National Business Leadership Network Conference, by members of the RI Business Leadership Network.
4. RMcM/RC passed unanimously

Scheduling Sexual Harassment Training

Discussion: The Executive Secretary briefed the members on the need to do a “refresher” course. As soon as the State Equal Opportunity Office sends a list of potential dates, members and staff will be polled to ensure the maximum attendance possible.

Selecting Recipients for the Joseph Vanni and John E. Fogarty Awards

Discussion:

The Executive Secretary recommends the following individuals with disabilities & family members be give the Joseph Vanni Award for their successful multiyear advocacy for in-state services for persons with traumatic brain injury to:

- 1) **Anna C. Martin** of N. Providence (survivor);
- 2) **Mark Aubrey** of Warren (survivor);
- 3) **Pam Doucette** of Cranston (survivor);
- 4) **Shelley Green** of Warwick (parent of survivor);
- 5) **Joan Gardiner** of Warwick (survivor);
- 6) **Casey Crothers** of Warwick (survivor); and
- 7) **Christine & Brian Hennessey** (survivor and spouse) former of Narragansett [now Florida].

MOTION: to RMcM/RC passed unanimously

The Executive Secretary recommends the following legislators be give the John E. Fogarty Award for enactment of:

1. The establishment of a Medicaid Managed Care option for adults with disabilities, which will assist families in navigating through the chronic health care systems.
 - a. **Senator M. Teresa Paiva-Weed** for sponsoring 05 S-0801 Sub A An Act Relating to Health Care For Elderly And Disabled Residents, and
 - b. **Representative Eileen S. Naughton** for sponsoring 05 H-5734 Sub A An Act Relating to Human Services -- Health Care For Elderly And Disabled Residents Act,
2. For incorporating into the Budget Act:
 - a. Funding & licensure to create the first in-state transitional housing/treatment services for persons with traumatic brain injury.
 - i. **Senator Leo R. Blais** and for 05 S-0114 Sub A An Act Relating to Motor And Other Vehicles -- Adjudication Of Traffic Offenses, and
 - ii. **Senator Stephen D. Alves** for including funding for in-state transitional

housing/treatment services for persons with traumatic brain injury the in the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget;

- b. Continued funding for accessible and affordable housing,
 - i. **Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr.** for sponsoring 05 S-0651 An Act Relating to Housing Resources - Neighborhood Opportunities Program, and
 - ii. **Representative Gordon D. Fox** for sponsoring 05 H-5175 An Act Relating to Housing Resources - Neighborhood Opportunities Program,
- c. Cost of living adjustment for (Medicaid) personal care attendants,
 - i. **Senator Hanna M. Gallo** for sponsoring 05 S-0413 An Act Relating to Human Services -- Personal Care Attendant Program, and
 - ii. **Senator Stephen D. Alves** for including the personal care attendants cost of living adjustment in the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget;
- d. Cost of living adjustment for disability (Medicaid) service providers,
 - i. **Representative Thomas C. Slater** for sponsoring 05 H 5484 An Act Relating to State Affairs And Government, and
 - ii. **Representative Steven M. Costantino** for including the cost of living adjustment in the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget
 - iii. **Senator John F. McBurney** for sponsoring 05 S 0237 & S 0831 Acts Relating to State Affairs And Government

MOTION: To award the Commission's 2005 John E. Fogarty Awards to:

- 1) Representative Eileen S. Naughton;
- 2) Representative Gordon D. Fox;
- 3) Representative Steven M. Costantino;
- 4) Representative Thomas C. Slater;
- 5) Senator Hanna M. Gallo;
- 6) Senator John F. McBurney;
- 7) Senator Leo R. Blais;
- 8) Senator M. Teresa Paiva-Weed;
- 9) Senator Stephen D. Alves; and
- 10) Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr.

RMcM/BE passed unanimously

Adjournment at: 5:20 PM