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**MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY INCLUSIO OF INDIVIDUALS
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Westminster, MD

The Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities met on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in Westminster, MD at 1 p.m. A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Members participating:

Cleary, Joseph (Jay)
Cox, Brian
Curtis, Thomas
Davis, Scott
Hedrick, Jim
Leitess, Anne Colt
Oliveira, Rae
Pierson, Joanna
Raggio, Cathy
Rapp, Chuck
Shriver, Timothy
Sparks, Theresa
Wheeler, Erica

Agenda 1. Welcome.

Commission Chair Timothy Shriver welcomed Commission members and thanked them for coming. Commission member Erica Wheeler also welcomed everyone to her home town and introduced several women from the Arc of Carroll County who prepared lunch for the Commission. Shriver and Wheeler thanked the women for their efforts.

Shriver announced that Wheeler was selected to receive the Public Service Award from the Arc of Carroll County at its upcoming awards banquet.

The Chair recognized and thanked Secretary Raggio for her service to the Commission on the occasion of her retirement effective April 25, 2014.

The meeting minutes for January and March were unanimously approved (update: the minutes from both meetings are posted to the Commission's web page).

Agenda 2. Meeting with Maryland Department of Education

Chair Shriver and Secretary Raggio briefed the Commission on their meeting with the Maryland Department of Education (MSDE) and reviewed the PowerPoint presented to MSDE.

Agenda 3. Maryland State Department of Education

Nancy Feeley of MSDE presented on behalf of Marcella E. Franczkowski, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Early Intervention Service. MSDE plans to partner with the new Maryland Center for School Safety, as well as Student and Family Support, and possibly the Department of Rehabilitation. MSDE is currently gathering information on current practice across the state and then will determine what more is needed to achieve greater integration (inclusion) within Maryland's schools. The Commission suggested: training all school personnel, including administrators; incorporating inclusion into any statewide school climate strategy; and empowering young people to become agents of inclusion. The discussion also included the importance of measuring outcomes, parents as resources and the need for training bus drivers.

The Commission unanimously passed a motion to include Marcella E. Franczkowski, or her designee at MSDE, in Commission meetings.

Agenda 4. Discussion of Other Sectors

Several Commission members volunteered to identify individuals to meet with in other sectors (Transportation, Hospitals, Courts, Residential Services and Support, Employers/Business) and to set up initial meetings.

Agenda 5. Report of Training Subcommittee

Jennifer Beskid, Acting Director for Training and Research of the Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC) reviewed a portion of the anticipatory set of the training that will set the stage for the objectives. Time did not permit a full review, but Commission members were invited to attend the next meeting of the Training Subcommittee on May 22 to hear a detailed discussion of the objectives with members of the public.

Agenda 6. Other Business

The Commission opted to submit written testimony to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights hearing on Law Enforcement Responses to Disabled Americans: Promising Approaches for Protecting Public Safety.

Agenda 7. Upcoming Meetings

The next Commission meeting is planned for May and logistics will be provided to Commission members and via its web page.

Agenda 8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.