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

Monday, June 30, 2014

Sykesville, MD

The Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities met on Monday June 30, 2014 in Sykesville, MD at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Members participating:

Cleary, Joseph (Jay)
Curtis, Thomas
Davis, Scott
Embert, Dwayne
Failla, George
Hedrick, Jim
Hovermale, Lisa
Imparato, Andrew
Keyser, Scott
Leitess, Anne Colt
Oliveira, Rae
Pierson, Joanna
Rapp, Chuck
Shriver, Timothy
Sparks, Theresa
Wheeler, Erica

Agenda 1. Welcome and Chair's Remarks

Chair Timothy Shriver welcomed the members and thanked Chuck Rapp for hosting and providing lunch.

Dr. Shriver briefly presented on the role of the Commission in each circle (sector). The Commission seeks to understand each sector's activities and programs that make people with intellectual and developmental disabilities feel safe, understood and included. It will elevate best practices, while leveraging the Commission's position to encourage action where there are gaps.

Agenda 2. Sector Updates

Residential Services and Supports: A survey is being sent to all DDA residential and non-residential service providers in the State to determine need.

Hospital: An initial meeting with DDA Director Bernie Simons was held. He will try to identify a point person at DDA to work with the Commission.

Employment: There will be a meeting in July where George Failla will discuss the Commission's efforts and additional meetings are planned for September

Courts: Steve Kroll at the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association offered to be helpful and to include training for State's Attorneys at an upcoming training opportunity. We will initiate discussions with the Judicial Training Center.

Transportation: An initial meeting with MTA staff was held and they offered to be helpful and share their training information as it pertains to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. MTA trains bus and train operators but does not focus on station attendants. Administrator Robert Smith offered to be helpful.

Agenda 3. Training Subcommittee Update

Jen Beskid and Alisa Macht briefly presented the training objectives to the Training Directors who appreciated the importance of the topic. The Training Directors' Objective Subcommittee planned to further review the Commission's recommendations. A follow up meeting with the Training Subcommittee and the Training Directors is planned.

Agenda 4. Policy Subcommittee Update

The Policy Subcommittee met by conference call to initiate the development of a policy agenda. In addition, the Policy Subcommittee asked that each sector provide it with its policy needs so that it may incorporate those areas into the policy agenda.

Agenda 5. Other Business

Members discussed the idea of developing a "communications platform" for the Commission's work in conjunction with an upcoming anniversary such as the 25th Anniversary of ADA or the 40th anniversary of IDEA. In the context of the discussion the idea of a pledge or similar document was also discussed. A new subcommittee was formed to further investigate the feasibility of these ideas. The subcommittee includes: Andy Imparato, Teri Sparks, George Failla and Brian Cox. The subcommittee will meet before the next Commission meeting and report back.

Another discussion item was the national implications of the Commission's work, which will be addressed once the Commission's work is further developed.

The minutes of the May 30, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda 6. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The Commission will meet July 21st and again in early September.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

