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

Friday May 30, 2014

Ellicott City, MD

The Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities met on Friday May 30, 2014 in Ellicott City, MD at 10:00 a.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
Leitess, Anne Colt
Oliveira, Rae
Pierson, Joanna
Rapp, Chuck
Shriver, Timothy
Sparks, Theresa
Wheeler, Erica

Invited Guest:

Nancy Feeley, Maryland State Department of Education

Agenda 1. Welcome and Commission Member Updates

Chair Timothy Shriver welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Each member then provided updates on his/her work.

Agenda 2. Update from Maryland State Department of Education

Nancy Feeley presented on behalf of MSDE. MSDE established a workgroup to review inclusion issues. It will work within existing initiatives on ways to improve school culture and climate as those elements relate to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. MSDE plans to include disability awareness in its best practices guide for the purpose of, among other things,

reducing suspensions of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There will also be a focus on student engagement embedded into the guide to ensure integration. MSDE plans to use its learning links web site (<http://www.marylandlearninglinks.org/>) for parents and the community to disseminate information. It will also link to the Maryland Center on School Safety.

Ed Clark, Director of the Maryland Center on School Safety, attended the Commission meeting. He noted that the new Center on School Safety plans to integrate the role of the School Resource Officer (SRO) and is looking at training across the state. It plans to hold a meeting with SROs and Principals in June to discuss the need for building relationships with all students.

Agenda 3. Reports from Sectors

Members of each sector “circle” reported out as follows:

Residential Services and Supports: The group met to discuss its focus and plans to conduct a survey of providers to better understand the sector, its current training, and future needs.

Hospital: A meeting is scheduled with Secretary Sharfstein’s Chief of Staff and the new DDA Director to begin exploration of the hospital circle. After the initial meeting to set a direction, outside members may be included moving forward.

Employment: The group had a call with the Eastern Shore Business Leadership Network and an employer, the Hyatt in Cambridge, MD, to discuss its work in employing people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There have been discussions with other groups and agencies, including Maryland Work, community rehabilitation providers, Chimes, and Melwood. In July, there will be a meeting of the Greater Washington Business Leadership Network, as well as outreach to other groups such as the Chamber of Commerce once its new leadership is in place.

Courts: Discussions are underway to include intellectual and developmental disabilities in the summer 2015 training conference for Maryland State’s Attorneys.

Agenda 4. Update from Training Subcommittee

The Training Subcommittee continues to work on the training objectives and is adding content and methodology. A meeting on May 22 brought together disability advocates to provide feedback on the objectives. Jen Beskid and Alisa Macht will attend the next meeting of the Training Directors to brief them on the objectives.

Agenda 5. Crisis Intervention Teams

There was a brief discussion of the current role of the Crisis Intervention Teams (CITs) in Maryland and the possible expansion. CIT training varies across the state, but is mainly focused on the recognition of people with mental health issues and diverting them from the criminal

justice system. There is an emphasis on obtaining treatment services. An overlap with training for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is in the communication and de-escalation elements that are taught in CIT

Once the training curriculum is more fully developed, the Training Subcommittee will have further discussions to determine the intersection between the CIT and the curriculum.

Agenda 6. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The Commission will meet over the summer to continue to work in the sectors. In early September, in anticipation of the Commission's one year anniversary, the Commission will meet to assess progress and determine whether a briefing to the Governor is indicated.

The minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

ATTACHMENT A

JANUARY 9, 2014

REPORT OUTLINE

- I. Vision Statement
- II. Actions to date
 - a. Meeting schedules
 - b. Documents reviewed
- III. Status of Maryland Training
- IV. Questions to be addressed
- V. Plan for the future
 - a. Listening Tours
 - b. Commission Meetings
 - c. Report Schedule