**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Policy, Research, and Evaluation Assessment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

***Jan. 25, 2019***

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**: Donna Gilles, Melissa Gibson, Dennis Findley, Mary McAdam, Phil Caldwell

**VBPD STAFF PRESENT**: John Cimino (staff liaison), Heidi Lawyer

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was offered.

**REVIEW OF EARLY INTERVENTION FINDINGS:** Mr. John Cimino, Deputy Director, reviewed the key findings of the Early Intervention Assessment, as well as proposed recommendations to improve Early Intervention system performance and accountability in Virginia. A number of suggestions were made to clarify and explain data presented, as well as to amend or edit the suggested recommendations and to include additional recommendations. Each was discussed and voted up or down by the subcommittee.

**REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LIVING FINDINGS:** Mr. Cimino reviewed the key findings of the Community Living Assessment, as well as proposed recommendations to improve the independence, self-determination, and access to essential community living supports in Virginia. A number of suggestions were made to clarify and explain data presented, as well as to amend or edit the suggested recommendations and to include additional recommendations. Each was discussed and voted up or down by the subcommittee.

**WRAP UP AND FINAL REMARKS:** The requested edits, changes, and additions to the proposed Assessment recommendations will be compiled and shared with the full Board for review prior to the Full Board meeting in March. The full PRE Committee will have an opportunity to make further suggestions and vote on the full slate of recommendations for recommendation to the full Board at the March 2019 Board meeting, and then the full Board will have opportunity for the same.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.