**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Community Integration Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2015**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**: Sarah Ratner, Chairperson; Ralph Owen; Summer Sage; Deanna Parker, DBHDS Designee; Melissa Gibson, Designee for disAbility Law Center; Steve Ankiel, DMAS Designee; Michael Carrasco; Charles Meacham; & Randy Burak

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**VBPD STAFF PRESENT**: Linda Redmond (staff liaison)

**GUESTS**: Debra Sules; Charles Goodloe, Rebecca King & Dawn Traver

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sarah Ratner, Chairperson, convened the meeting at 9:36am. Introductions were made. Ms. Ratner asked members to review the agenda for possible revisions; and none were made.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes for the December 2, 2014 Community Integration Committee meeting were reviewed. Mr. Randy Burak made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Ms. Deanna Parker. The MOTION was unanimously **APPROVED**.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE:** Charles Meachamprovided highlights of key discussion and issues addressed in the Executive Committee held earlier today. He answered questions from the Committee.

**DISCUSSION OF ACHIEVEMENT OF STATE PLAN OBJECTIVES – Liaison Activities and Grant Projects.** Linda Redmond pointed out significant liaison activities and outcomes of the two grant projects for which the Committee has oversight responsibility: Empowerment to Prevent Institutionalization, awarded to the Virginia Association of Centers for Independent Living (VACIL); and Improving Oral Health for Adults with DD, the Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VOHC). Ms. Redmond noted that the latter project was ending on March 31st, 2015; a presentation by the VOHC project coordinator was being provided during the Board luncheon later today.

**PRESENTATION on Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Project:** Chairperson Sarah Ratner introduced Dawn Traver, Director of Waiver Operations in DBHDS/ODS and project coordinator for the Peer-to- Peer Mentoring project. The project was completed at the end of December 2014. Ms. Traver provided an overview of the project successes and challenges as well as strategies adopted to overcome the challenges. Ms. Traver then introduced two project participants –Rebecca King and Charles Goodloe – who conducted the rest of the presentation. A question and answer period followed. Ms. Sarah Ratner, Chair, thanked them for the information.

**REVIEW OF STATE PLAN OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES for FFY 16 UPDATE:**  Ms. Redmond provided a review of discussion regarding potential changes to the State Plan for the FFY 2016 Update.

**OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  Ms. Ratner asked for any announcements or other business. There were no announcements. Several ideas for potential speakers or additional information were discussed and requested:

* Clarification of the CMS Final Waiver Rule on Community Settings;
* Update on the Individual and Family Support Fund – How did the new priority process work in deciding awards? Who was served? What type of services were purchased with the funds?
* Status of the DD Health Network (DBHDS)

 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 10:44 am.