**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Policy, Research and Evaluation Meeting Minutes**

***June 7, 2017***

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**:

Summer Sage (Chair)

Angela West

Melissa Gibson

Angela Sadsad

Ann Bevan

Deanna Parker

Alexis Nichols

John Eisenberg

Phillip Caldwell

Donna Gilles

Curtis Andrew

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John Kelly

Stephen Joseph

Felicia Hamilton

**VBPD STAFF PRESENT**:

John Cimino

**CALL TO ORDER/CONSENT AGENDA:** Summer Sage called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and introduced the consent agenda items. Angela Sadsad made a **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items without discussion, and Deanna Parker **SECONDED** the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

**BOARD POLICY UPDATE:** John Cimino introduced the policy activities update for the Second Quarter of FFY 2017. There was no discussion of these items.

**SELECTION OF 2018 ASSESSMENT TOPICS:** Summer Sage informed the Committee that the SFY 2017 disability Assessments covering Employment and Education are complete and prepared for printing. The Committee then discussed the SFY 2018 Assessment topics. The topics remaining to be covered include Early Intervention, Healthcare, Medicaid, Housing, Transportation, Community Living, and Institutions. The Committee had a discussion about the contents of the assessments. Topics of discussion included whether to address community settings that have institutional characteristics as defined in the Home and Community Based settings rules in the Institutions assessment or the Community Living assessment; and whether the topics traditionally covered in the Community Living chapter of the comprehensive assessments previously published by the Board meaningfully assessed the extent to which individuals were truly living fully integrated lives in the Community. The committee will revisit these discussions. The Committee determined that based on these further considerations related to the Institutions and Community Living assessments and the current uncertainty about the direction of national policy related to Healthcare and Medicaid, that these topics would best be addressed in a later year. Angela Sadsad made a **MOTION** to recommend that the full board adopt Housing and Transportation as the assessment topics to be addressed in the SFY 2018 Assessments. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Angela West, and it was adopted by unanimous voice vote. The Committee discussed what data may be useful for assessing these topics and how to obtain it.

**GENERAL POLICY UPDATE:** Due to time constraints the committee had only a brief discussion of current policy issues, many of which were discussed during the discussion on assessment topics. Committee members briefly addressed potential changes to healthcare and Medicaid policy at the federal level.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Summer Sage adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.