**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Policy and Advocacy Committee’s Assessment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

***May 7, 2021***

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**: Phil Caldwell, Donna Lockwood, Alexus Smith, Ed Turner, Frederique Vincent

**VBPD STAFF PRESENT**: Clare Huerta (staff liaison), Nia Harrison, Teri Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Teri Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and welcomed the Board members. Ms. Clare Huerta led a round of introductions.

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

**REVIEW INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORTS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS:** Ms. Nia Harrison, reviewed the key findings and preliminary recommendations regarding intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual and other disabilities (ICF/IIDs). Suggestions were made to amend two recommendations pertaining to state oversight of ICF/IID utilization and costs. Several other comments and questions were shared throughout the presentation regarding the importance of individuals having an informed choice between institutional and home- and community-based services, potential barriers to enforcing federal and state requirements, and potential avenues for advocating for the assessment recommendations.

Ms. Harrison called for a **MOTION** to recommend that the full Board approve the recommendations, as amended, for release to the Governor, through the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the general public.Mr. Phil Caldwellmade the **MOTION**, andMr. Ed Turner seconded. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF NEW RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FINDINGS:** Ms. Huerta reviewed the key findings and preliminary recommendations regarding new residential services in the Developmental Disabilities waivers. There were a few questions about the key findings and draft recommendations that were discussed. Suggestions were made to revise wording regarding a recommendation pertaining to a lack of clarity of the licensing requirements for supported living settings and to encourage involvement of self advocates with diverse experiences in the training of support coordinators. Each recommendation was discussed and agreed to by the subcommittee.

Ms. Huerta called for a **MOTION** to recommend that the full Board approve the recommendations, as amended, for release to the Governor, through the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the general public. Mr. Turner made the **MOTION**, andMr. Caldwell seconded. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT AND NEW DAY SERVICES FINDINGS:** Ms. Huerta reviewed the key findings and preliminary recommendations regarding supported employment and new day services in the Developmental Disabilities waivers. Suggestions were made to clarify the best time for support coordinators to discuss the impact of employment on benefits. Each recommendation was discussed and agreed to by the subcommittee.

Mr. Phil Caldwell made the **MOTION**, and Ms. Donna Lockwoodseconded. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**WRAP UP AND FINAL REMARKS:** The recommendations, as amended, will be shared with the full Board for review and approval during the June 9, 2021 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.