**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**State Plan Ad Hoc Committee Meeting II**

***October 23, 2020***

**Board Members Present**:

Dennis Findley

Matthew Shapiro

Alexandra Dixon

Allison Coles Johnson

Kate Olson

Caroline Raker

Madeline Nunnally

Philip Caldwell

Lindsay Pearse

Donna Gilles

Rachel Loria

Theresa Simonds

**Guests:** Sheryl Matney, Director of Federal Technical Assistance

Monica M, Captioner

**VBPD Staff Present:**

Tara Bethea

Nia Harrison

Clare Huerta

Benjamin Jarvela

Teri Morgan

Henry Street

Penni Sweetenburg-Lee

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Dennis Findley, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and called for a motion to accept the meeting agenda.

Ms. Donna Gilles made a **MOTION** to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Phil Caldwell seconded the **MOTION** to approve. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Ms. Nia Harrison provided a brief overview of the agenda and staff activities since the previous Ad Hoc meeting. Ms. Harrison also went over ground rules for the meeting.

Ms. Harrison and the Chair facilitated large group discussion among the Committee members about the draft Goal and Objectives for Community Services and Supports. Changes were made to the wording of one objectives to better clarify its intent.

Ms. Harrison and the Chair facilitated large group discussion among the Committee members about the draft Goal and Objectives for Healthcare and Quality Assurance. No substantive changes were made.

Ms. Harrison and the Chair facilitated large group discussion among the Committee members about the draft Goal and Objectives for Education and Employment. Changes were made to the wording of the goal and an objective to better clarify their intent.

Ms. Harrison and the Chair facilitated large group discussion among the Committee members about the Goal and Objectives for Self Advocacy. No substantive changes were made.

**SELECTION OF TARGETED DISPARITY (ACTION REQUIRED):** Ms. Harrison administered a poll for ad hoc committee members to select the targeted disparity in the State Plan, choosing between two potential options identified in the previous ad hoc committee meeting. Discussion ensued, during which Ms. Harrison advised that the least popular option could still be retained in the State Plan even though it would not be identified as a targeted disparity. Following the discussion, Ms. Harrison re-administered the poll.

Mr. Matthew Shapiro made a **MOTION** to identify mitigating the school-to-prison pipeline for students with disabilities who are black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) as the targeted disparity in the State Plan. Ms. Allison Coles Johnson seconded the **MOTION** to approve. Mr. Shapiro and Ms. Caroline Raker opposed the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** carried.

**DECISION TO RETAIN OR REMOVE SECOND POTENTIAL TARGETED DIPSARITY (ACTION REQUIRED):** Ms. Harrison administered a poll for ad hoc committee members about whether to retain the State Plan objective regarding access to community services and supports for people with disabilities in rural areas, given that it was not selected as the targeted disparity. Ms. Harrison advised that, if retained, this objective would not be identified as a targeted disparity.

Mr. Caldwell made a **MOTION** to retain access to community services and supports for people with disabilities in rural areas as an objective in the State Plan. Mr. Shapiro seconded the **MOTION** to approve. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR CONSIDERATION DURING DECEMBER BOARD MEETING (ACTION REQUIRED):** Mr. Findley called for a motion to recommend that the full Board approve the draft goals and objections, as amended, to be released for public comment.

Mr. Shapiro made a **MOTION** to recommend that the full Board approve the state plan goals and objectives, as amended, to be released for public comment. Ms. Gilles seconded the **MOTION** to approve. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**WRAP UP:** Ms. Harrison discussed the next steps for the State Plan development process. Ad hoc committee members agreed to meet again, following the public comment period, to review any substantive public comments on the State Plan goals and objectives. If no substantive public comments are received, members agreed that the meeting could be cancelled.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.