**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**State Plan Retreat Meeting #2  
*September 9, 2020***

**Board Members Present**:

Matthew Shapiro, Vice Chair

Alexandra Dixon

Allison Coles Johnson

Dennis Findley

Kate Olson

Alexus Smith

Vasantha Rayman

Caroline Raker

Madeline Nunnally

Maya Simmons

Deanna Parker

Philip Caldwell

Samantha Hollins

Lindsay Pearse

Theresa Simmonds

Eric Raff

Frederique Vincent

Jocelyn Kilgore

Ann Bevan

Travis Webb

Ray Hopkins

Donna Lockwood

Eric Mann

Dawn Missory

Kevin Kozoil

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

**VBPD Staff Present:**

Tara Bethea

Nia Harrison

Linh Thi Nguyen

Penni Sweetenburg-Lee

Megan Weems

Teri Morgan, Executive Director

Jason Withers

Henry Street

**CALL TO ORDER:** Nia Harrison, Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Ms. Nia Harrison provided a recap and overview of the Board’s September 2, 2020 virtual retreat and 5-year State Plan development, shared data and information including disability demographic and prevalence data, and reviewed the Board’s recent activities.

Board members and staff participated in a data walk exercise conducted in four Zoom “breakout rooms” on the following topics: Community Supports & Employment; Health Care & Quality Assurance; Education & Self- Advocacy; Housing and Transportation.

Ms. Teri Morgan gave an overview of Community Supports and Employment objectives, activities, key challenges and key successes. Ms. Morgan facilitated discussion among the Board members regarding Community Supports and Employment.

Ms. Nia Harrison gave an overview of Health Care and Quality Assurance objectives, activities, key challenges and key successes. Ms. Harrison facilitated discussion among the Board members regarding Health Care and Quality Assurance.

Ms. Linh Nguyen gave an overview of Education objectives, activities, key challenges and key successes. Ms. Nguyen facilitated discussion among the Board members regarding Education.

Dr. Penni Sweetenburg-Lee gave an overview of Self-Advocacy objectives, activities, key challenges and key successes. Ms. Sweetenburg-Lee facilitated discussion among the Board members regarding the Self-Advocacy.

Mr. Jason Withers gave an overview of Housing and Transportation objectives, activities, key challenges and key successes. Mr. Withers facilitated discussion among the Board members regarding Housing and Transportation.

Following the “breakout rooms,” Ms. Harrison facilitated a large discussion among Board members regarding the breakout sessions. Main discussion topics included the scope of the Board’s work, impact of the assessment recommendations, leveraging resources, addressing inequity, integrating activities, and the lack of information available to families. All information, comments and recommendations from the virtual retreat will sent to the Ad-hoc Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.