**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**State Plan Retreat Webinar #1  
*September 2, 2020***

**Board Members Present**:

Matthew Shapiro, Vice Chair

Alexandra Dixon

Allison Coles Johnson

Dennis Findley

Kate Olson

Richard Kriner

Alexus Smith

Allison Coles Johnson

Vasantha Rayman

Caroline Raker

Madeline Nunnally

Maya Simmons

Deanna Parker

Philip Caldwell

Samantha Hollins

Lindsay Pearse

Theresa Simmonds

Eric Raff

Frederique Vincent

Rachel Loria (dLCV representative)

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

**VBPD Staff Present:**

Tara Bethea

Nia Harrison

Benjamin Jarvela

Linh Thi Nguyen

Penni Sweetenburg-Lee

Megan Weems

Teri Morgan

Jason Withers

Ronita Wilson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Nia Harrison, Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation, called the meeting to order 1:00 p.m. and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Ms. Teri Morgan, Executive Director, thanked Board Members for participating in the meeting.

Ms. Nia Harrison conducted a poll on Strategic Planning experience among Board Members and interpreted the results. Ms. Nia Harrison provided an overview of the State Plan development process and its importance.

Ms. Sheryl Matney, Director of Technical Assistance with the Information & Technical Assistance Center for Councils on DD, provided an overview of the federal expectations for DD Councils’ State Plans.

Ms. Harrison summarized input from the public and Board members on what the Council’s priorities for the next five years should be.

Ms. Harrison facilitated discussion among the Board members regarding State Plan development. The discussion mostly focused on the extent to which the State Plan should address COVID-19 issues, the importance of addressing education and inequities in the next State Plan, and the longstanding nature of the issues raised by the public.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.