**Virginia Board for People with Disabilities**

**Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes**

***September 15, 2021***

**Committee Members Present:** Ann Bevan

Phil Caldwell

Parthy Dinora

Samantha Hollins

Florence L. Jones

Rachel Loria

Eric Raff

Sarah Graham Taylor

**Committee Members Absent:** Dennis Findley

Sarah Kranz-Ciment

Dawn Missory

Deanna Parker

**VBPD Staff Present:** Clare Huerta

Teri Morgan

Linh Nguyen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Mr. Phil Caldwell, called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Mr. Caldwell recommended a vice chair be appointed during this meeting. In review of the June meeting minutes, Mr. Caldwell recommended the meeting adjournment be corrected to 12:18 pm. Ms. Parthy Dinora made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes. Ms. Samantha Hollins **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was passed unanimously.

Ms. Ann Bevan volunteered as vice chair. Mr. Caldwell made a **MOTION** to accept. Ms. Hollins **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was passed unanimously.

**REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Mr. Caldwell provided a brief summary of the Executive Committee meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF POLICY VALUES:**

Mr. Caldwell introduced a draft of a one-page statement of the Board’s policy values. Committee members reviewed the draft and made suggestions for changes. The PAC will vote to refer the revised policy values statement to the full Board in December.

**PROJECT LIVING WELL UPDATE:**

Ms. Linh Nguyen discussed trend data for downloads of full trend and one-page reports. Ms. Nguyen also discussed upcoming trend reports and the progress on plain language comics.

**POLICY & WORKGROUP UPDATE:**

Ms. Clare Huerta delivered a summary of the August 2021 General Assembly Special Session. The summary included status updates on budget affecting Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP), the Marcus Alert Program, waiver capacity requirements in DBHDS licensed settings, and Children’s Service Act (CSA) funding. Members discussed the roles of local law enforcement, mental health and medical staff, and the Virginia Department for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Marcus Alert Program.

Ms. Teri Morgan and Ms. Huerta updated the committee on workgroups in which the Board is participating, including the Virtual Supports Workgroup, DD Waiver Waitlist Elimination Workgroup, and Children’s Services Act Workgroup. Ms. Huerta also noted public comments that the Board has made on various policies.

**2022 ASSESSMENT UPDATE:**

Ms. Huerta reminded the committee of the upcoming assessment topics. She described the steps that the Board is taking in research. Members were invited to email any feedback to her.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chair requested to end the meeting at 10:17 am. Ms. Sarah Taylor made a **MOTION**. Ms. Hollins **SECONDED**. The **MOTION** was passed unanimously.