

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2004 – 9:00AM (Rm 276)
DEPT OF LABOR – WILM, DE

PRESENT: Andrea Guest, DOL; Laura Eisenman, Univ of DE.; Doyle Dobbins, Delarf; Eve Austin, Elwyn; Ted Van Name, Goodwill; Theda Ellis, Autism Society; and Victor Orija, DSAAPD;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am

BUSINESS

1. Welcome, introduction, approval of agenda and minutes.
2. Commission Template.

Approved minutes, and agenda.

NOTE: Meeting on September 2nd in Rm 349A will begin at 10am

As we reviewed the Template, there were discussions about:

1. Linking the agenda of the full Governor's Commission with that of the Autism group in Delaware for common good.
2. Commission agenda and recommendations from the subcommittees should be discussed in parallel with "available" resources or at least attempting to identify funding sources. As in the past, most of the membership felt that we should not allow funding to determine the quality or content of our recommendations.
3. The University of Delaware should be encouraged to incorporate the study of autism into its curriculum. Such a curriculum may bring attention to the long term support and care needed by those with autism.
4. How people with autism will benefit from the Medicaid Buy-In. The immediate benefit according to response will be health insurance coverage.
5. All groups representing people with disabilities should speak with a united voice whenever they seek legislative or procedural changes in the State of Delaware. Jack Markell the State Treasurer echoed this during his speech at the Delarf meeting in Dover on August 4, 2004.
6. We should implement at all levels the Inter Collaborative Team Model (ICT) used by DDDS and a school system. The model includes all stakeholders in all processes. However, this model exists only for children and not adults. To improve local capacity, it should be implemented for adults as well.
7. Invite Joyce Pinkett back for update on the Medicaid Buy-In.

State Use Program/State Use Law:

This is a program that sets aside a percentage of contracts awarded by the state for people with disabilities. People are not aware of this program.

Mission Statement for subcommittee:

We discussed the pertinence of having a statement. It should be captured on the template. A draft will be presented at the next meeting.

Commission Template:

Copies were distributed. We reviewed and discussed the goals, strategies, and action items. Andrea urged members to forward input to Victor prior to next meeting. Next meeting will be devoted solely to the Template as recommendations are due to the Commission in September.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

NEXT MEETING:

September 2, 2004 (10 to 12noon); DOL—4425 N. Market St, Rm 349A; Wilm, DE