

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 02, 2007 –10:00AM (Rm 276-3rd Fl)
DEPT OF LABOR – WILM, DE

PRESENT: Andrea Guest, DOL; Laura Eisenman, Univ of DE.; Eve Austin, Elwyn;
Cindy Sterling, OCI; Doyle Dobbins, Delarf; and Victor Orija, DSAAPD;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am

BUSINESS

1. Welcome.
2. Business
 - MBI Update
 - Commission 5-Year Plan
 - Revisit meeting schedule

Since 4 of the attendees were present at the unveiling of the 5-year plan by The Governor on July 17, 2007, Andrea gave a brief recapture. We distributed copies of the 5-year plan, the activity time schedule and the public forum document. According to her:

- (a) Subcommittee should be very pleased that Medicaid Buy-In (MBI) is now fairly known by legislators and several stakeholders in the state.
- (b) It's one of the two objectives that are currently being worked on by state agencies.
- (c) The state appears to be headed in the right direction with the unveiling of the 5-year plan, on-going MBI implementation plan, and the state match for Money Follows the Person (MFP) Grant.

As an action item, subcommittee will appreciate Steve Groff (DMMA) attending our meeting on October 4th to give us an update about MBI. Victor will contact Steve.

However, Andrea still desires to know why the state has not been able to qualify for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG). Connecticut has a similar grant, and has used it to create a website it uses to promote employment for people with disabilities.

Subcommittee reviewed other goals. With MBI already assured of implementation, we turned to goal 3 which calls for the promotion of employment opportunities similar to what Connecticut is doing. CT has a site www.connect-ability.com.

We visited site and viewed 4 success stories - people with disabilities who are now gainfully employed.

Path forward:

1. Explore the possibility of obtaining a MIG Grant
2. Explore the possibility of a CT website in Delaware.
3. Invite Amy Porter of CT to speak to us about CT's website or we could teleconference her at the next meeting.
4. Invite Steve Groff to our next meeting for an update on MBI.
5. Explore how to involve employers on the subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 12noon.

Next meeting is on Thursday October 4, 2007 at 10am. Venue is Department of Labor, 4425 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. (Room 276, 3rd Floor).

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