

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES  
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 05, 2006 – 10:00AM (Rm 349A)  
DEPT OF LABOR – WILM, DE

**PRESENT:** Andrea Guest, DOL; Doyle Dobbins, Delarf; Charlotte Herbert, Lower Delaware Autism Foundation; Michelle Hess, CDS/Commission Staff; and Victor Orija, (DSAAPD).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am

**BUSINESS**

1. Welcome, introduction, approval of agenda and minutes.
2. Commission Update
3. Medicaid Buy-In (MBI) update
4. Commission Template.
5. Other items.

Minutes from the August 2006 meeting was adopted, and so was the agenda for today's meeting. We discussed the low attendance at the meeting. According to Victor, only Laura Eisenman indicated that she would not be present. She is teaching.

Commission Update:

Meeting was held on September 21, 2006. Each subcommittee was urged to complete template and prioritize goals for a 5-year timeframe. The next Commission chair/staff meeting is on October 18, 2006 at the Centers for Disabilities Studies (CDS) at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

Medicaid Buy-In (MBI) Update:

An action item from the August meeting is for Victor to contact Harry Hill (Director-DHSS/DMMA) to enquire where the MBI infrastructure fund is housed. This fund had been allocated by the Commission from its \$250,000.00 budget. Harry responded in an e-mail that the \$50,000.00 plus the Medicaid match is indeed at DMMA. Additional request to augment the infrastructure fund has been included in the DHSS 2008 budget request to the State/Governor. On October 18, 2006, Harry Hill will speak at the SCPD luncheon on the impact of DRA on Money Follows the Person, and the MBI in Delaware.

For the remainder of the meeting, we reviewed and updated the template.

**Goal 1:** The state will offer a Medicaid Buy-In Program with increasing threshold for eligibility.

Replaced the only objective with the following:

- (i) The state will implement an MBI program within the available resources, and with increasing threshold.
- (ii) The state should expand eligibility criteria.

**Goal 2:** Left intact.

Develop a flexible system that provides individual interventions that maximize employment outcome for people with disabilities over their lifetime.

**Goal 3:** It was revised to include “who wants to transition.”

Maximize career options for people with disabilities who want to transition.

We revised objectives to read:

- (i) Increase the number of students with disabilities in competitive employment, while also increasing their wages and competitive training.
- (ii) Expand career opportunities for people with disabilities beyond the school age.

**Goal 4:** Left intact. However, revised objectives.

Maximize employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

- (1) Increase the number of employers who provide fair and equitable opportunities for people with disabilities to become gainfully employed.
- (2) Increase the number of employers who provide fair and equitable opportunities for students with disabilities to become gainfully employed.
- (3) Continue to advocate for removal of barriers to employment for people with disabilities.

**Goal 5:** Revised goal to read “Improve provider resources and alternatives for doing business.”

Goal was referred to the Workforce Retention Subcommittee.

**Goal 6:** Revised to read” Demonstrate the economic benefit of gainfully employed citizens to the community.”

Revised template will be circulated to subcommittee members for additional input.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

**Next meeting is on December 7, 2006 at the DOL, 4425 N. Market Street, Wilm, DE  
It will be in Rm 349A, at 10am.**