

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 07, 2006 – 10:00AM (Rm 349A)
DEPT OF LABOR – WILM, DE

PRESENT: Andrea Guest, DOL; Doyle Dobbins, Delarf; Charlotte Herbert, Lower Delaware Autism Foundation; Theda Ellis, Austism Foundation; Cindy Sterling, OCI; 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 October 2006 meeting was adopted. Approved the agenda for today's meeting.

Commission Update:

- (1) There will be a full Commission meeting in January 31, 2007; at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, DE. Time is 9am to 11am.
- (2) The next Commission chair/staff meeting is on December 20, 2006 at the Centers for Disabilities Studies (CDS), University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. Each subcommittee **must** submit a completed template to Michelle Hess by January 5, 2007.

Medicaid Buy-In (MBI) Update:

At the recently concluded SFY2008 budget hearing, Secretary Vince Meconi (DHSS) requested \$233,000.00 for MBI infrastructure.

Action item: Invite Harry Hill (Director-DHSS/DMMA) to update subcommittee (Victor)

We reviewed an MBI report that was submitted to the OMB. This report listed Missouri as the state with the largest enrolment of MBI consumers. 18,654 consumers-table 1. However, this report also indicated that Missouri (MO) eliminated MBI in 2005.

Action item: Michelle Hess will research what MO is currently doing, and report her finding.

General opinion is that DVI has a good consumer friendly system that can be studied for applicability to other areas. Action item: Invite Bob Goodnough to subcommittee (Victor).

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.

Above was suggested at the October meeting. Added 4th action plan which is [subcommittee should develop “talking points” by 1Q07 for advocacy and promotion of the MBI].

Goal 2:

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

- (i) Deleted “flexible” from statement, AND revised action plan 1 (objective 2) to read “establish a steering committee to focus on employment for people with disabilities.” Original statement simply mentioned the creation of a steering committee.
- (ii) Objective #2 was labeled as objective #3. Also developed corresponding action plans.
- (iii) The need to evaluate DVI’s system was added as a planned action. (objective #2).
- (iv) An overall statement to “increase number of consumers obtaining and retaining employment by 25% per year” was revised to 3% per year. 25% was deemed impractical.

Goal 3: An input post October meeting was to revise goal statement to include “who wants to transition” and Maximize career options for people with disabilities who want to transition. Note: Goal focuses on **career options**.

We revised goal statement to include transition from “school to work.”

- (i) Objective #1 revised so that people was replaced with “school-age” students.
- (ii) Objective #2 was renamed Goal #5.

Goal 4: Goal focuses on **employment opportunities** for people with disabilities. Deleted “who wants to transition” from the goal statement. We included “adults” in objective #1;

and “school-age” students in objective #2. This was an attempt to differentiate between the populations.

Goal 5: Goal had been referred to the Workforce Retention Subcommittee. Hence it was deleted from this template.

However, objective #2 from Goal 3 became the new Goal #5.

It reads: Expand career opportunities for adults with disabilities beyond school age.

Goal 6: Left intact.

Revised template will be circulated to subcommittee members for additional input.
Meeting adjourned at 12noon.

2007 Meeting schedule:

Meeting time: 10am thru 12 noon.

February 1, 2007	DOL Fox Valley Annex (4425 N. Market)
April 5, 2007	DOL Fox Valley Annex
June 7, 2007	DOL Fox Valley Annex
August 2, 2007	DOL Fox Valley Annex
October 4, 2007	DOL Fox Valley Annex
December 6, 2007	DOL Fox Valley Annex

Note: The Annex is directly behind the Dept of Labor (DOL) building.
DOL, 4425 N. Market Street, Wilm, DE.

Conference Room is on the only level (1st Floor).