

**Governor's Commission on Community Based Alternatives
For Individuals with Disabilities
Healthcare Subcommittee Agenda
February 28, 2006
Margaret M. O'Neill Building, Dover, De.
10:05 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Members Present: Joe Connor, Pat Maichle, Jamie Wolfe, Karen Gallagher, Tim Brooks, Miranda Marquez, Malik Harris, Tom Kelly, Dick Patterson, Kyle Hodges.

Guests:

- I. Introduction and Welcome by Chair
- II. Emergency Preparedness Next Steps – April 27th at 9:00 a.m. will be the Delaware Emergency Management Agency Steering Committee at DEMA and Joe Connor will be attending and presenting on our behalf. He solicited **input from the Committee** on the presentation at his e-mail address. Also, interest in serving on the Steering Committee can also be offered to Joe for the presentation.
Also, 911 forms were passed around for people to review and use. A copy will be sent as an attachment to Committee members.
- III. Dr. Tom Kelly of DDDS: Health Survey – The survey was shared with the Committee with an explanation and request to members to share the information with others and solicit people to complete the survey. The Healthy Delawareans 2010 for People with Disabilities grant is funding the activities in Delaware including the survey for health concerns for people with disabilities. The University of Delaware is partnering with Dr. Kelly to complete the survey. Once the survey is completed, the Advisory & Management Committees for this grant will develop an action plan for Delaware.

Dr. Kelly has invited Dr. Anthony Cahill from the University of NM and Roberta Carlin, Director of the American Association on Health & Disability to teleconference with the Health Delawareans Advisory Panel to discuss the topic of Emergency Preparedness. The Healthcare Subcommittee is invited to attend this teleconference when the details are finalized.

For the future, this grant can act as resource of information to the Healthcare Subcommittee in our activities. Mental Health and Substance Abuse needs to

be better included in all activities. A suggestion was made to solicit a GACSAMH member to be on the Health Delawareans Advisory Committee.

IV. Update for the Commission on Priorities: What to Do with \$250, 000

- Medicaid Buy In \$33,000
- Respite Care \$50,000
- Intersection enhancement \$20,000
- Assessment Consultant \$50,000
- Workforce Conference \$12,000
- Curriculum for Direct Service Providers \$35,000
- Staff Person for the Commission Work \$50,000

Money Follows the Person report was released and discussed at the Commission meeting last week. Secretary Meconi expressed his dissatisfaction with the report and the effort to those present. Advocates continue to work on this issue and are planning next steps.

V. Surgeon General's Call to Action to Improve the Health and Wellness of Persons with Disabilities 2005 – The next meeting may allow discussion of this issue.

VI. Next Meeting Date – The meeting will be **May 2nd at 10:00 at the Margaret M. O'Neill Building in Dover.**

VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.