

Disability Commission Housing Workgroup:

The work of the DCHWG is intended to build collaboration and systems education across various agencies, organizations and constituents creating opportunities and joint efforts to expand the availability, accessibility and choice in housing for people with disabilities.

Activities and Work Plan

Priority: The collection, mapping and analysis of data that ~~informs~~ expands our knowledge of ~~on~~ the housing needs of people with disabilities statewide.

- Identify available data sources and develop a strategy to obtain needed data as a baseline.

Of Importance to the Disability Commission during the next several months:

- National Housing Trust Fund
- Anticipated Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's competitive allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers for non-elderly people with Disabilities
- Federal Initiatives that have the potential to influence housing policy and strategies (H.R. 1408: Inclusive Home Design Act of 2009; The ABLE Trust; the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Act; Federal Policy directions and issues)

The workgroup will keep the Disability Commission members briefed on federal activities and initiatives, ~~and~~ recommending action when necessary and appropriate.

Activities:

- Identify areas and activities of mutual interest/concern of the Disability Commission and the Virginia Housing Commission for cross Commission dialog and coordination
- Identify housing issues and concerns and provide legislative proposals/recommendations to the Disability Commission
- Provide information to the Commission that reflects current data, policy issues and trends so that Commission members are informed and well briefed

Briefing 1:

An overview of the housing affordability crisis faced by individuals with SSI level income