

Achieving the Vision:
**Community Integration of People with Disabilities
in Virginia After Olmstead**

2006 Update to the
Virginia Disability Commission

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2006 Highlights

- Governor Kaine issues Executive Order 2
 - Expands Implementation Team
 - Directs Preparation of Cross-Governmental Strategic Plan
- GA establishes Community Integration Advisory Commission
- Team and Commission complete Strategic Plan
- Many significant accomplishments, including a Systems Transformation Grant award
- Team and Commission assume active role in emergency planning for people with disabilities
- Virginia applies for a Money Follows the Person Grant

Executive Order 2: 2006

- **Continued Implementation Team**
 - Secretary of HHR, VBPD, DMAS, DMHMRSAS, DRS, VDA, VDDHH, DBVI, DSS, VDH, OCS, **DHP**
 - Secretary of Commerce and Trade, VHDA, DHCD, DPOR, **VEC**
 - Secretary of Transportation, DRPT, VDOT
 - Secretary of Education, VDOE, SCHEV, **VCCS**
 - Workforce Advisor
 - **Department of Veterans Services**
 - Department of General Services
 - **Mental Health Planning Council**; Statewide Independent Living Council
- **Created Oversight Advisory Board**, with 11 of 21 seats held by people with various disabilities
- Directed development of *comprehensive, cross-governmental strategic plan* to assure continued community integration

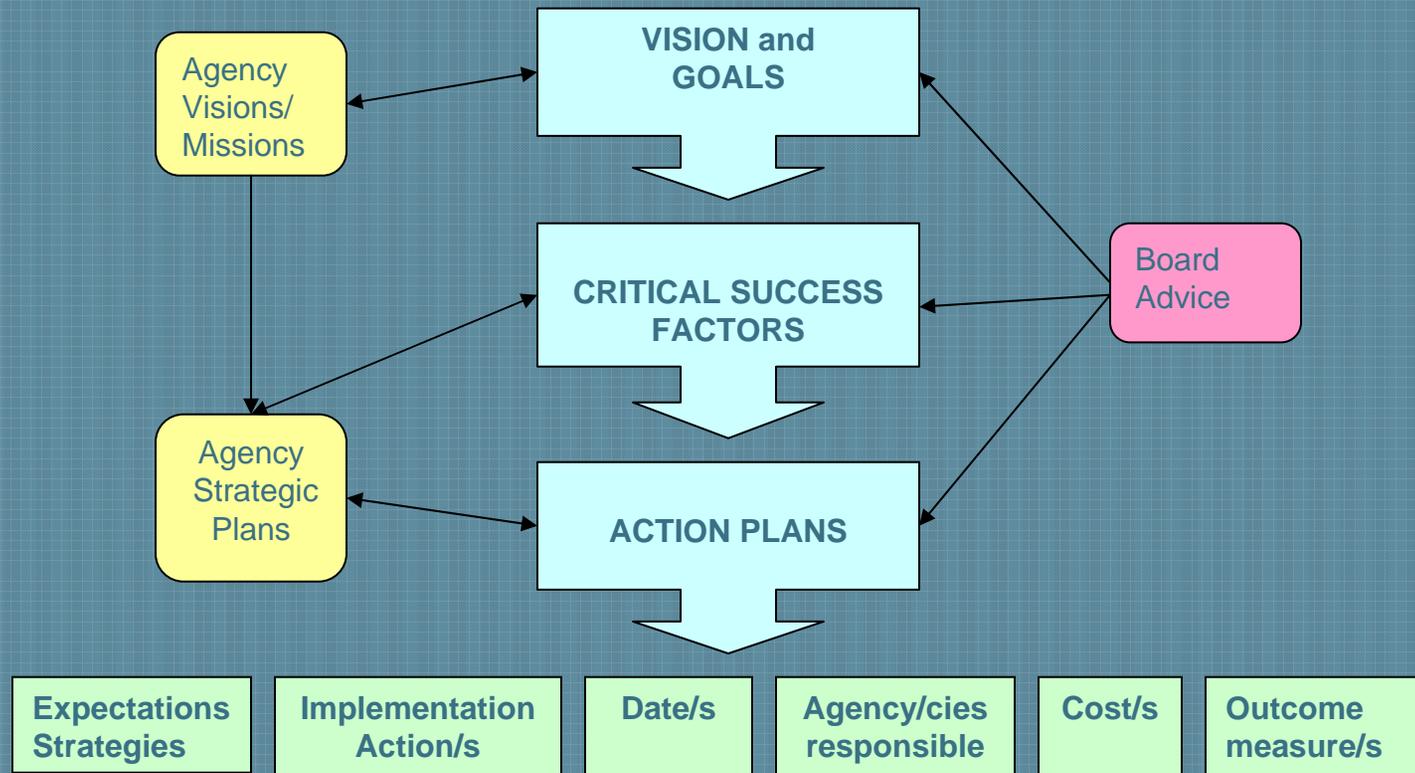
Community Integration Advisory Commission

- Patroned as SB 182 by Senator Puller
- Va. Code §§ 2.2-2524 to 2529
- 21 members; 11 seats for people with disabilities
- Appointments by Governor, Senate Rules and House Speaker
- Charged with monitoring implementation of community integration laws, including:
 - Americans With Disabilities Act
 - U.S. Supreme Court Olmstead decision
 - Virginians with Disabilities Act

Strategic Plan for Community Integration

- Began with consensus Task Force vision
- Three goals:
 - Get people out of institutions
 - Prevent institutionalization
 - Assure that the Team is successful
- Seven “critical success factors”
- Multiple action plans for each critical success factor—each with steps, dates, and responsible agencies

Strategic Planning Model



Strategic Plan for Community Integration

■ Seven Critical Success Factors

- Plan, understand, choose and self-direct services and supports
- Choose among qualified providers
- Locate and obtain appropriate housing
- Locate and obtain a job
- Access appropriate transportation
- If applicable, access a qualified surrogate decision-maker
- Access and self-direct ongoing supports in the community

Strategic Plan for Community Integration

- Next Steps:
 - Three small Team groups, each with Commission Liaison
 - Review, correct, clarify and complete all action plans
 - Develop measurable outcomes and baseline measurements for each strategy
 - Adjust 2006 implementation actions that have not yet begun
 - Create detailed timeline for all 2007 implementation actions
 - Capture existing agency community integration initiatives
 - Determine how to best engage local government in plan implementation

Significant Accomplishments

- Medicaid reimbursement rates increased significantly for MR, DD, PC, and Adult Day Health providers
- PMA increased from 100% to 165% of SSI
- Waiver slots increased significantly
 - 860 new MR Waiver slots in 2004 ; 523 new slots in 2006
 - 110 new MR Waiver slots for children in 2006
 - 105 new DD Waiver slots in 2004; 65 new slots in 2006
- State mental health facility discharge waiting lists
 - 3 new PACT programs, 130 new discharge assistance plans, 9 new crisis stabilization programs and increased funding for community inpatient bed purchases

Significant Accomplishments, cont'd

- MH/MR/SA systems transformation initiative
- Nursing Home Transition grant
- Medicaid reimbursement for Positive Behavioral Supports
- New Medicaid Waivers established
 - EDCD
 - Day support
 - Alzheimer's and dementia
- Housing policy for people with disabilities to be considered by Housing Commission
- Human Services Transportation workgroup

Significant Accomplishments: Systems Transformation Grant

- Increase number of ADRC sites; create web-based ADRC for improved access to and control of long-term supports statewide
- Create individual budgeting
- Ensure statewide infusion of person-centered planning and self-direction practices
- Establish web-based care management IT application in the MR and DD waivers that streamlines consumer enrollment, preauthorization, and waitlist submission processes
- Produce critical incident and management reporting system that interfaces with existing long-term support systems and facilitates uniform reporting, discovery, remediation, and systems improvement

Emergency Planning for People with Disabilities

- Homeland Security/HHS Working Conference
- Team and Commission recommendations to VDEM
- Governor's Hurricane Preparedness Task Force
- HHR Emergency Response Workgroup
- VDEM's Vulnerable Populations Workgroup
- VDH's Medical Sheltering Workgroup
- Regional Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Work Groups
- VDEM's Local Emergency Planner regional briefings

Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant

- Five-year, \$1.75 billion CMS initiative
- Designed to reverse institutional bias by assisting people to transition from institutions to the community
- 75/25 enhanced match allowed for first 12 months of each individual's transition
- Virginia's application developed by multiple state agencies, local agency representatives, advocacy groups and people with disabilities
- Submitted November 1, 2006
- Awards to be made in January 2007
- Transitions to begin in July 2007

Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant

- **Goal 1:** Rebalancing Virginia's long-term support system, giving individuals more informed choices and options about where they live and receive services;
- **Goal 2:** Transitioning seniors, children, and adults with disabilities from institutions who want to live in the community:
 - 110 per year from Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded
 - 396 per year from nursing facilities
 - 10 per year from long stay hospitals; and
- **Goal 3:** Promoting quality care through long-term support services that are person centered, appropriate, and needs based, ensuring continual improvement through a quality management strategy for HCBS settings and institutions.

Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant

- People may transition to their own (or their family's) apartment or home or to a setting in which no more than four unrelated people reside
- Affordable, accessible housing is a critical grant component
 - DHCD has pledged \$0.5 million of HOME grant funding each year for four years for home modifications
 - DHCD and VHDA have pledged to work together on increasing accessible housing stock
 - Housing task force to be created under the grant will involve multiple state, local and private agencies to (among other things):
 - Develop a community living supplement for consideration next year
 - Develop short and long range plans for assuring housing remains a priority
 - Educate stakeholders in the QAP, PHAPs, the Consolidated Plan, and the Continuum of Care

Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant: 2007 Legislative Actions Requested

- **Matching funds for:**
 - Transition services to be added to the HIV/AIDS, Technology Assisted, Mental Retardation (MR), Developmental Disabilities (DD), and Elderly or Disabled Consumer Directed (EDCD) Waivers;
 - Transition coordinator services to be added to the EDCD Waiver;
 - Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) and PERS medication monitoring to the HIV/AIDS and Technology Assisted Waivers;
 - Environmental Modifications (EM) to be added to the HIV/AIDS and EDCD Waivers;
 - Assistive Technology (AT) to be added to the HIV/AIDS and EDCD Waivers;
 - Consumer directed supported employment to be added to the MR and DD Waivers;
 - New DD Waiver slots
- **Emergency regulatory authority for any needed regulatory changes**

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