

VIRGINIA DISABILITY COMMISSION
December 7, 2009

The third and final meeting of the Virginia Disability Commission for the 2009 interim was held Monday, December 7, 2009, at the General Assembly Building in Richmond. Members of the Commission discussed findings and recommendations, and voted to:

1. Recommend a budget amendment providing funding for the Disability Commission for the next fiscal year.
2. Recommend a budget amendment to provide funding to create/support additional front line Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services workers.
3. Recommend a budget amendment to provide funding to reduce waiting lists for home-based companion and chore services by 5% in each year of the next biennium.
4. Recommend a resolution requesting the Department of Social Services work together with public and private partners to conduct a comprehensive public awareness and education program on the identification, prevention, and reporting of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults who have a disability.
5. Recommend a letter to encourage Virginia's Congressional Delegation to support the federal Elder Justice Act, which would provide federal coordination of and funding for state Adult Protective Service programs
6. Support adoption and implementation of recommendations and strategies included in the *Olmstead* Strategic Plan.
7. Recommend a budget amendment providing funding for 100 new Developmental Disability Waiver slots.

The Commission also discussed ideas for its 2010 work plan, including consideration of expanding the scope of the Commission beyond issues affecting persons with physical and sensory disabilities to include persons with all disabilities, and development of Regional Deaf Service Centers.