

Presentation to the Disability Commission

Overview of Commission Initiatives

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Community Based Services



Community Based Services (CBS)

CBS consist of programs that are primarily state funded and serve Virginians with the most significant disabilities.

Most of these programs were established and funded at the recommendation of the Disability Commission.

Some of the Brain Injury Services programs were not initially established by the Disability Commission, but have consistently received strong support for their continuation and expansion.

CBS PROGRAMS:

- **Brain Injury Services Coordination (BISC)**
- **Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS)**
- **Independent Living (IL)**
- **Personal Assistance Services (PAS)**



Brain Injury Services

Coordination (BISC):

- DRS administers state general funding for brain injury services.
- For State FY 2011, the total amount of funding managed by DRS is \$4,042,999 [includes \$3,881,000 for 12 state-funded contracts; \$64,631 for Brain Injury Discretionary Services (BIDS) Fund; and \$77,658 for Brain Injury Services for People with Brain Injury (VR PAS)].
- This amount was reduced in FY '10 by \$200,000, as the General Assembly appropriation of \$100,000 was a “one time only” allocation.



Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS):

- The DRS CRCMS provides coordination services via case management to 677 eligible individuals with significant physical and sensory disabilities and their families.
- These individuals reside in the community and in nursing facilities across the Commonwealth.
- Coordination activities are person-centered and focus on the unique needs of the individual and family.



Independent Living (IL):

- This program grants State General Funds and some Federal dollars, and provides program audits, technical assistance, oversight and compliance to Centers for Independent Living (CILs).
- State General Funds, with current budget reductions, are \$4,825,084. Budget reduction totals are nearly 8% (\$417,347) for SFY 2011. CIL funding also includes \$600,000 in DRS Program Income Funds.
- There are 16 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and 4 Satellite CILs serving 10,804 consumers in 2009.
- CILs provide services and advocacy to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities. CILs work with individuals and the local communities to maximize the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society.

ARRA Funds :

- Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in Virginia benefited from Federal Title VII Part C ARRA funds which were awarded in 2009.
- Only six out of Virginia's 16 Centers and four Satellite Centers were eligible for approximately 2.2M in temporary ARRA funds. Those six were eligible because they were already recipients of federal Title VII Part C permanent funding.
- The 2.2M went directly to the six Federally funded Centers from the RSA. Virginia took advantage of the funding and reconfigured State IL funds temporarily so that all Centers and Satellite Centers in Virginia received a net gain of \$108,000 over a two-year period.
- CIL funding reverts back to regular funding levels as of July 2011
- Regular State funding levels include a 2010 State budget reduction of \$417,000 for CILs



Personal Assistance Services (PAS)

- The DRS PAS program serves individuals who have the most severe disabilities and who require assistance from another person to perform non-medical activities of daily living.
- These consumer-directed services might include transferring, bathing, eating, dressing, or other physical activities that the individual could perform if they did not have a physical disability.
- DRS manages three PAS programs: State-funded PAS, PAS for Individuals with Brain Injury, and VR PAS, funded through Title I of the Rehabilitation Act, for individuals who are currently receiving or who may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services provided through an Employment Plan.



In the first 6 months of FY09 PAS:

- Served 127 consumers with state PAS funds;
- Served 5 consumers with state Brain Injury funds
- Served 37 consumers with federal Vocational Rehabilitation funds
- Provided funding for 194,263 hours of personal assistance
- Enabled 11 consumers to attend colleges and universities
- Enabled 59 persons with disabilities to work

The average annual expenditure per consumer is \$17,922.29

The pay rate for personal care assistants since July 09 is \$8.86/hr.

(State), and \$11.47/hr. (Northern Va.)

The current waiting list is 94 persons; there may be many more who need the service but do not apply because of the freeze on admissions.

PAS Funding

- The PAS Program has been virtually level funded for a number of years. Because of the past need to match Medicaid increases in pay to Personal Assistants and rising overhead, fewer eligible individuals are receiving PAS services.
- To serve the 94 on the waiting list \$1,880,000.00 in funding is needed.



Medicaid Works

Medicaid Works is:

- Medicaid plan option.
- Work incentive opportunity offered by Virginia Medicaid.
- Supports individuals with disabilities who are employed or who want to go to work.
- Payment of premium may be required.

Voluntary Plan

- Allows individuals to work and retain Medicaid.
- Allows higher wages (up to \$44,100 countable income).
- Allows higher resources (up to \$30,600).



Medicaid Works Eligibility:

- Current and new blind and disabled Medicaid enrollees.
- Have countable income of \$722 a month
- Resources no more than \$2,000.

Current Opportunities

- To increase allowable earnings low cost/ no cost enhancement that would address issues presented to Disability Commission in the last year.
- Determine if health care reform provides an opportunity for program enhancement.

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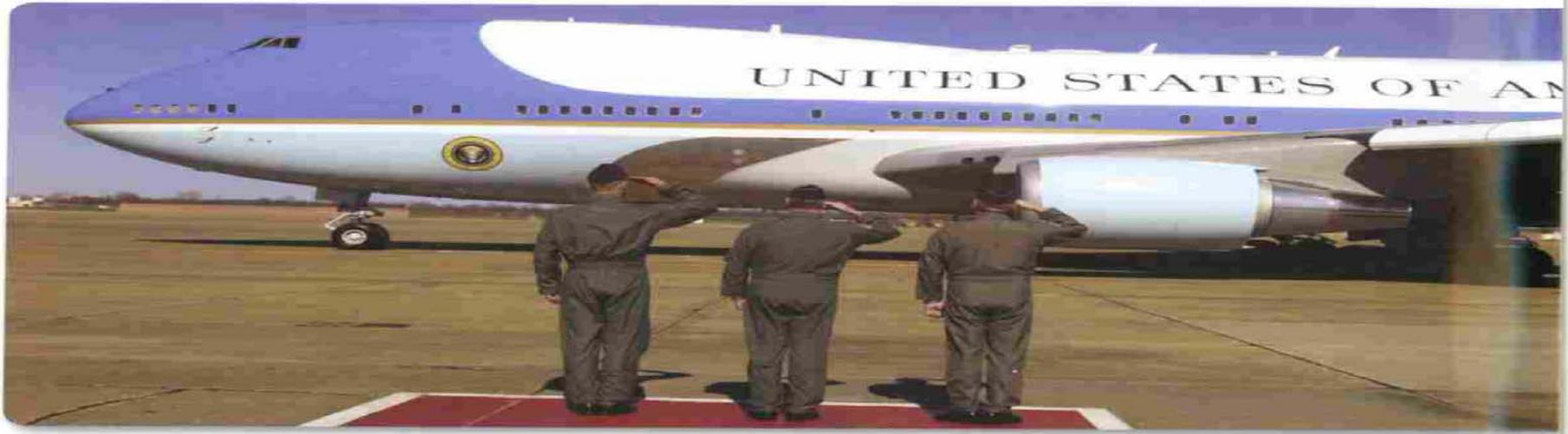
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Systematic Health Care Reform Is Now the Law

Small Business Partnerships Establish Close Ties to Create Jobs for People with Disabilities

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Air Force One's Dirty Laundry Is High Priority for Rappahannock Goodwill



It's not likely that many people have any idea who does the laundry for the aircraft that serves as Air Force One. Since January 2009, Rappahannock Goodwill's commercial laundry located in Fredericksburg, Va., has been handling the laundry needs for both aircrafts that serve as Air Force One and Air Force Two, as part of its contract with Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland.

The presidential jet – a military version of a Boeing 747 – is based at Andrews AFB. Scott Bruner, Goodwill's laundry customer service manager, says the Air Force One aircraft contract is a fairly small amount of work, but it's got

more of a buzz factor than your average laundry job. A Goodwill truck periodically picks up the dirty laundry at a secure hangar at Andrews AFB and later returns with clean laundry. "Our work sounds kind of boring until you mention Air Force One. It's great for bragging," Bruner says.

The Air Force One work is different in some ways though. Everything has to be done a particular way. Blankets or anything with the presidential seal has to be folded with the seal showing. The blue and red napkins require a meticulous folding method per a diagram. Everything is shrink-wrapped.

Bruner noted that President Obama was a big supporter of the AbilityOne Program when he was a senator. "So he's someone who really believes in what AbilityOne is doing," commented Bruner.

The laundry work is part of a larger contract that Rappahannock Goodwill has with Andrews AFB, under the AbilityOne Program, which helps provide employment for persons with disabilities. The commercial laundry service also handles the laundry for the Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews AFB, as well as a large hotel and fitness center on the base.



Northrop Grumman, MVLE Sign Mentor-Protégé Agreement to Create Jobs for Persons with Disabilities

Northrop Grumman Corporation announced it has signed a U.S. Department of Defense mentor-protégé agreement with MVLE, a nonprofit group that provides jobs and job training for persons with disabilities. The MVLE agreement is the first of its kind where an AbilityOne firm has entered into the mentor-protégé program. Northrop Grumman developed the mentor-protégé relationship with MVLE to assist in its development of federal contracting opportunities, as well as infrastructure development that will help provide more employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.

MVLE, located in Springfield, Va., was founded in 1971 by parents of young adults with disabilities looking to create opportunities for their children after they finished attending school. MVLE provides daily work opportunities and

intensive rehabilitation services to over 450 adults with disabilities. It is an internationally accredited agency and a qualified AbilityOne service provider. MVLE provides custodial, scanning, food service, outbound mail, and digital mail.

"This mentor-protégé agreement allows Northrop Grumman the opportunity to assist an AbilityOne agency in transitioning into the realm of federal contracting. This program goes beyond the development of contracting activities by allowing people with severe disabilities the opportunity to become gainfully employed," said Susan Cote, Northrop Grumman corporate vice president of contracts and pricing.

Northrop Grumman will provide engineering and technical training to MVLE. This includes formal training

at Northrop Grumman facilities and in partnership with the George Mason Technical Assistance Center.

"MVLE is excited to work with Northrop Grumman to make it possible to provide more training and jobs for persons with disabilities. MVLE appreciates that Northrop Grumman is willing to share its expertise and knowledge to help create a better life for people with intellectual challenges who often are unable to find employment," said MVLE President April Pinch-Keeler.

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