



VOICES & VISIONS

A VOICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: A PROMISING VISION FOR TOMORROW

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In 2005, the Board established two new community service awards to acknowledge and promote exceptional achievements by and on behalf of people with developmental and other disabilities. Please join in congratulating and recognizing the Board's 2006 award recipients!

Jackie Crews Excellence in Leadership Award **Jack Brandt: Scholar, Artist, Community Leader & Advocate**



The Jackie Crews Award recognizes self-advocates who excel in leadership. The four stars on the award logo represent *Independence, Productivity, Inclusion, and Self-Determination* – the four values of leadership and qualities exemplified by Jackie Crews, a graduate of the Board's Partners in Policymaking (PIP) program who passed away in April 2004.

Selected by a panel of his peers – fellow PIP graduates – Jack Brandt is the recipient of the 2006 Jackie Crews Award. A recent graduate of James Madison University, Jack has never let his disability stand in his way. Despite a brain injury at birth and cerebral palsy, he has enthusiastically pursued education, achievement, and opportunities to help others.

At JMU, Jack was recognized for his academic achievements and studied the impact of disability legislation on the formation of advocacy groups. As an American Association for People with Disabilities' Congressional Intern for

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Public recognition of the award recipients is currently being planned, and members of the community are invited to join in those efforts. For more information or to join in the celebrations, please visit www.vaboard.org/awards.htm or contact the Board at info@vbpd.virginia.gov or 1-800-846-4464. ♻

Outstanding Achievement Award **TecAccess: Leading the Way in IT Accessibility & Employment**

The Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes exemplary service on behalf of people with disabilities that has had a lasting and significant impact on their quality of life and improved the disability services system. It calls attention to new approaches and best practices that produce greater opportunities for self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion for people with disabilities in all facets of community life.

TecAccess LLC, recipient of the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award, and its founder Debra Ruh are recognized local-



ly, nationally, and internationally as leaders in the development and implementation of information technology accessibility for people with disabilities and in the training and employment of individuals with disabilities. When her daughter, who has Down Syndrome, reached middle school, Debra realized just how limited job opportunities are for people with disabilities and decided to start a business that would focus instead on their

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Letter from the Chair

Lisbet Ward

By the time you receive this newsletter, 2007 will be well underway. The General Assembly will have met and determined a new direction for the Commonwealth. Advocates will have had their chance to express their viewpoints. People with disabilities, their families, and service-providers will be gearing up to move forward with the benefit (or lack) of new funding and policies. As you begin to face the challenges and embrace the opportunities 2007 brings, will you do so as an advocate?



2006 YLF Delegate
Jeffrey Person

What is advocacy? It is speaking out on behalf of ourselves and others to point out places where barriers still exist to independent living and where civil rights are not being upheld. What does independent living mean? It is having the right to choose a course of action and to learn from any mistakes or failures. It is not about being safe or meeting certain goals or succeeding all the time. Independence is about pursuing our interests,

talents, and curiosities, about embracing all that the adventure of life has to offer, and being supported to be able to do so. Services and funding exist to support the independence we each want to achieve in our lives.

Through grants and collaborative activities, the Virginia Board has set our vision for 2007, doing our part to help advance an environment of equality and opportunity for Virginians with disabilities. The Housing and Transportation Alliance and Board staff engaged in statewide housing initiatives are working to better integrate housing and transportation and bring universal design features to new housing and redevelopment so we can all live together in neighborhoods and "age in place". The nursing home outreach grant is informing people with disabilities in nursing homes across Virginia about opportunities to move back into their communities in homes of their own. New grants in 2007 will assist emerging advocates with disabilities in learning how to provide direction to boards and councils in their local communities. Outreach will inform families about options to care for their child with a disability at home rather than having to turn to institutional placement for support, and research will create a plan for a public awareness campaign to show people with disabilities

living and working independently in Virginia communities.

What are your personal goals for 2007? What support do you need to make them happen? Tell someone today. Put your goals in motion! What things do you want to advocate for that will improve the lives of others this year? Let your voice be heard!

Community – whether that be the street our house is on, the places where we shop or worship, our town, state, or nation – changes one voice at a time. Don't sit on the sidelines. Jump in, and start setting a direction for yourself and your community. Virginia needs each of us to be advocates right where we live. Together, we can chart a direction for 2007 where Virginia emerges as a Leader in establishing equality, accessibility, and integrated community supports for the diversity of Virginians with disabilities living in all the many communities across the Commonwealth. ♡♡



Board Welcomes and Seeks New Members

Nan Pemberton

On January 4, 2007, Governor Tim Kaine commissioned two new members to serve on the Virginia Board, filling recently vacated positions.

As the Board's new banking representative, Darrell Hill brings extensive knowledge of both the public and private financial sectors. A resident of Hampton, Mr. Hill is Senior Vice President at BB&T Capital Markets Public Finance Group where he provides a full range of underwriting and financial advisor services to government entities.

Channel Lynn also joins the Board, filling the position reserved for an individual, guardian, or immediate relative of someone currently or formerly residing in an institution. Ms. Lynn is a former resident of Norfolk Healthcare and now lives independently in her own apartment in Norfolk.

Six additional Board positions will be available on July 1, 2007. These include two for persons with developmental disabilities (DD), two for immediate relatives or guardians of persons with mentally impairing DD, and two for parents or guardians of individuals with DD. Applications will be accepted beginning April 1, 2007. Applications and other pertinent information may be found at www.vaboard.org/aboutvboard.htm. ♡♡

DD Network News: Our Extended "Family"

Tom Driscoll

Typically, in this space, *Voices & Visions* features an update from Virginia's immediate "family" in the state's Developmental Disabilities Network. This month, we broaden our focus to take a look at some of the ways the Board interacts with its extended DD family nationwide.

The Board has sibling DD Planning Councils in 54 states and territories, which also have Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies comparable to VOPA and University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs) similar to the Partnership at VCU. These organizations are hardly uniform in their structure or activities.

For example, DD Councils may be separate public agencies like the Board, divisions of larger agencies, or nonprofits affiliated with state agencies. Some Councils provide more direct services; others are more active in advocacy. Some rely on directly managed programs to get things done; others depend more on contracted services and grants. Combined with overall differences between the states, this lack of uniformity makes the extended DD family an excellent incubator and source for new ideas. DD Network "relatives" share this information with each other regularly.

Last year, the Board learned of a series of interactive CD-ROMs produced by the Kentucky UCEDD to train medical and dental practitioners working with adults and children with disabilities. The Board obtained copies of the CDs and the authorization to share them with others in Virginia.

Virginia's Health Promotion for People with Disabilities Task Force and Board staff are now looking for ways to fund their

duplication and disseminate them to Virginia's professional schools and practices.

The Massachusetts' DD Council developed a user-friendly software application to manage their activities, better inform Council members about them, and prepare information for their federal Five Year State Plan and Program Performance Report. Recently, Virginia joined a second round of states who have adopted this software, with

Massachusetts providing ongoing technical support and up-grades of the system.

E-mail exchanges of information are constant. At the request of the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Board queried other states on how they handled signage identifying the presence of children with disabilities in neighborhoods. Other states shared their experience with public awareness campaigns as the Board researched its recently announced Requests for Proposals for such a campaign. In the past few weeks, responding to an inquiry from a member of the General Assembly, we asked other states how they process and

fund vehicle license plates and temporary placards for people with disabilities.

In return, the Board has provided information on emergency planning, state requirements for Board membership, employment collaborations, and potential conference presenters. Other recent exchanges have dealt with ICFs-MR, guardianship issues, and accessible parking in general. In response to both national and local developments, there is currently an on-going exchange about autism services and how they are funded and administered.

Just as we all benefit individually from communities that are diverse and open to new ideas, the members of the DD Network gain much when they communicate and collaborate freely. The Board greatly appreciates the on-going support of its family and friends and looks forward to future opportunities to share with them. ♡

For more information about the national Developmental Disabilities Network and its Virginia affiliates visit:

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
www.nacdd.org

Virginia Board for People with Disabilities
www.vaboard.org

Association of University Centers on Disabilities
www.aucd.org

Partnership for People with Disabilities
www.vcu.edu/partnership

National Disability Rights Network
www.ndrn.org

Virginia Office of Protection & Advocacy
www.vopa.state.va.us

Next Board Meeting

March 16, 2007
Wyndham Richmond
Airport Hotel
4700 S. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA

Upcoming Meetings:
June 7, 2007
September 21, 2007
December 14, 2007

Partners in Policymaking, A Brotherhood

Teri Barker-Morgan



Society clearly understands the bond -- the *brotherhood* -- of firefighters, police officers, and soldiers that goes beyond "I'll watch your back; you watch mine." When two strangers realize they are both members of a brotherhood, even in the absence of anything else in common, they are, in an instant, transformed into allies. They share intimate knowledge and have mutual respect for the unspoken code they unwaveringly uphold. Sometimes these ties are deeper and stronger than any other commitment in their lives.

Parents and adults with disabilities who participate in Partners in Policymaking comprise a unique brotherhood. When two individuals have lived with the challenges of a disability, their own or their child's, and experienced the learning, achievement, and camaraderie of a PIP program, they have an immediate mutual respect for one another. That bond--brother-

hood--can only be shared with someone else who has traveled the same road. They speak each other's language--IEP, FAPE, LRE, PBS, AT, PT, OT, ABA therapy, insurance, inclusive education, restraint, due process, loneliness--a language that a Partner's ears and heart can understand better than a neighbor, sister, brother, mother, or best friend. They know exactly what the tears mean and where they come from. Powerful stuff!

The PIP class of 2007 is now over halfway through its eight session program. They have developed a vision for the future and mapped out a path of strategies and resources to help them achieve their vision. They are spirited and optimistic about the

future and confident in their empowerment and advocacy.

For more information on the brotherhood that is Partners in Policymaking, including an application to join the class of 2008, contact the Board at 1-800-846-4464 or visit www.vaboard.org. ♡

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YLF Update

Teri Barker-Morgan



Apply Now for the Summer 2007 Youth Leadership Forum!

From July 9-13, at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Delegates to the Youth Leadership Forum will formulate career and life goals, develop their leadership abilities, enhance their social skills, and have an unforgettable experience interacting with enthusiastic peers and successful role models.

Through a statewide competitive application process, twenty-five students will be selected to represent the Commonwealth at the YLF. To be eligible, students must:

- Reside in Virginia,
- Have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act,
- Be in 10th or 11th grade as of December 15, 2006 or, if in a non-graded program, be returning to high school for at least one year after the 2006-2007 school year, and



- Have demonstrated leadership potential in their school and community.

Students selected to be YLF Delegates must also demonstrate:

- Motivation,
- Acceptance of and interest in diversity,
- An interest in developing their leadership skills and planning for their future, and
- A desire to share their thoughts and opinions.

To be considered, completed applications and all other required information must be received by the Board or postmarked on or before March 23, 2007. Applications can be downloaded and printed from the Board's website at www.vaboard.org. Educators and others who work with students are encouraged to post or distribute the YLF recruitment resources also found on the website. For more information, e-mail info@VBPD.virginia.gov or call 1-800-846-4464. ♡

Moving Forward: Transportation and Housing in Virginia

Teri Barker-Morgan

Self-determination, independent living, and full community inclusion can only be accomplished when planners and managers at the local and statewide levels develop a system of mutual responsibility for communication, coordination, and collaboration that integrates housing and transportation in ways that meet the unique needs and overlapping interests of people with disabilities. Addressing this need, the Board awarded the Transportation and Housing Alliance (THA) grant to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) in June 2004. To build on the successes of that initiative, at its December 2006 meeting, the Board requested that TJPDC submit a continuation proposal to spread awareness and use of an innovative housing and transportation planning and coordination toolkit developed by THA to other regions of the state.

At the Governor's Housing Conference last November, THA's toolkit and other accomplishments were featured as one of an impressive array of breakout sessions. These sessions, included presentations on Virginia's "Olmstead" implementation initiative and its recent "Money Follows the Person" federal grant application. Collectively, they provided an opportunity to educate the broader community of housing developers and builders first-hand about issues such as deinstitutionalization and on the hous-

ing needs and preferences of older individuals and people with disabilities. The inclusion of these sessions in the conference agenda and the positive response to them demonstrated that Virginia is moving forward in areas consistent with the Board's goals of better housing and transportation coordination and collaboration.



Photo Courtesy of National Organization on Disability

Another important indicator of Virginia's progress is the state's "United We Ride" Human Service Transportation Coordination initiative, part of a national effort to expand transportation accessibility and community integration for all citizens. In February 2004, President Bush issued an Executive Order on Human Service Transportation to improve transportation coordination for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with lower incomes. To implement this order, the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) was established. CCAM subsequently launched United We Ride (UWR) to break down barriers between programs and set the stage for local partnerships that would generate common sense solutions and deliver A+ performance for everyone needing transportation.

Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation has since applied for and received two UWR State Coordination Grants. The first supported a statewide inventory of publicly funded human service transportation resources. The completed inventory and companion report can be found at www.drpt.virginia.gov. The current UWR grant focuses on strategic planning and work plan development addressing issues such as mobility management, improved understanding of human service transportation costs, and planning for an interagency agreement and appropriate deliverables. It also examines current transportation coordination policies, rules, and regulations; state agency involvement in 5310 proposal requirements and review of grant applications; as well as other incentives and barriers to better use of transportation resources.

As 2007 advances, there is much to be optimistic about; however, optimism does not necessarily equal forward momentum. For Virginia to continue to move forward and positively impact the housing and transportation challenges faced by many of its citizens, advocates-the voices of individual citizens and their communities-must come forward and continue to speak up and be heard. ♡♡

Tell Us What You Think!

The Board is currently accepting public comment to be used in preparing the 2008 *Biennial Assessment of the Disability Services System in Virginia*. The 2006 edition of the *Biennial Assessment* can be reviewed at www.vaboard.org/biennial.htm, or a copy in printed, CD, or accessible formats may be obtained by contacting the Board at INFO@vbpd.virginia.gov or 1-800-846-4464.

Please help us identify new or revised information and critical issues that should be included in the 2008 edition! Watch for announcements of Public Comment Forums to be held at locations around Virginia later this spring. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, 202 N. 9th Street, 9th Floor, Richmond, VA 23219; by phone to 1-800-846-4464; by fax to 804-786-1118; or by e-mail to VBPD@vbpd.virginia.gov. To ensure consideration by the Board, comments must be received by no later than Friday, June 1, 2007. ♡♡

VCU-RRTC Awarded Grant for State Employment Initiative

Lynne Talley

The Board is pleased to announce the award of \$244,000 to Virginia Commonwealth University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Workplace Supports and Job Retention (VCU-RRTC). This two-year grant, which began on January 1, 2007, results from a direct solicitation of VCU-RRTC to develop and implement a program that would increase employment for people with developmental and other disabilities in state government.

This project builds on the success of two previous Board grants to VCU-RRTC that created strong business relationships among supplemental staffing companies, people with disabilities, and employment service organizations, resulting in employment of people with disabilities in the Richmond and Roanoke areas. Using that same employment model, this project will build partnerships between people with disabilities, the Governor's Office, state agency heads and hiring managers, state-contracted staffing companies, community rehabilitation programs, the Department of Rehabilitative Services, and the Departments for the Blind & Vision Impaired and Deaf & Hard of Hearing.

The Governor's Special Advisor on Disability Issues, Ed Turner – a member of the VCU-RRTC staff and recipient of the Board's 2005 Jackie Crews Excellence in Leadership Award – will take a lead role in promoting this state initiative to staffing companies and agency hiring managers.



VCU-RRTC will conduct five half-day training seminars in Richmond, Alexandria, Roanoke, Norfolk, and Harrisonburg for staffing companies, employment

service organizations, agency hiring managers, and state rehabilitation agencies. Additional educational opportunities for staffing companies and their customers will be delivered through a webcast series, Fact Sheets, a Desktop Reference Guide, and the RRTC website, www.worksupport.com. Project activities will promote the initiative to state hiring managers and educate all partners on relationship development, the benefits of staffing companies, disability awareness, approaches to recruiting and hiring people with disabilities, the advantages of on-site job coaching, and job accommodations for people with disabilities for specific jobs.

The Board is very excited about this project which addresses the Board's objective of creating a public sector employment program for people with disabilities. A minimum of twenty individuals with disabilities will be placed in employment at state agencies through the state-contracted staffing companies. The project will also demonstrate that staffing companies are an important resource to people with disabilities and that people with disabilities are an important and untapped labor pool for staffing companies and state agencies. ♡♡



TecAccess
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abilities and increasing their

access to employment and the rapidly expanding worlds of computing and the Internet.

That rapidly growing business, TecAccess, has since developed "Section 508" compliance guidelines used by the federal government and has advised and assisted with IT needs for public and private clients from local non-profit organizations to the European Union, including the Commonwealth of Virginia. Most of TecAccess' diverse and skilled workforce is comprised of individuals with a wide range of physical, sensory, cognitive, and other disabilities who bring the realism and practicality of their own experiences to the challenges of accessibility. To best support and develop their abilities, TecAccess emphasizes flexibility and accommodation in the workplace and employer-employee relationships.

Through their business and advocacy activities, Debra and her colleagues strive to stimulate creativity and encourage others to expand opportunities for individuality, freedom, and autonomy. Numerous awards as well as testimonials ranging from Virginia's senior Senator, John Warner, to federal and state agencies, to local and national business employers and IT providers, to local disability support and advocacy organizations testify to their success in achieving those goals. ♡♡



Medicaid Reform

Linda Redmond

The importance of Medicaid reform efforts to individuals with developmental and other disabilities cannot be overstated. According to data from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), Virginia's Medicaid administrative agency, in fiscal year 2005, 20% of all individuals enrolled in Medicaid had disabilities. Medical expenditures for these individuals accounted for 45% of Virginia's Medicaid expenditures.

Last year, DMAS began several initiatives that will change the shape of future Medicaid services, operations, and funding. Two central initiatives were mandated by the 2006 General Assembly.

The first called on DMAS to conduct an extensive review of the state's Medicaid program and created a Medicaid Revitalization Committee to examine alternative and innovative approaches to healthcare delivery under Medicaid. The Committee's work focused on client-centered planning, individual budgeting, and self-directed quality assurance and improvement. Its membership included patient advocates, healthcare providers, health insurers, program administrators, and other stakeholders.

Committee hearings, which included public comment, were held last summer and fall. The Revitalization Committee also analyzed Medicaid reform efforts in Florida, Kentucky, Idaho, South Carolina, and West Virginia. Documentation of the Committee's research, containing valuable information about Medicaid reform both at the state and national levels, can be found at www.dmas.virginia.gov/ab-mrc_home.htm. The following recommendations, among others, were included in the Committee's final report:

- Additional funding, enhanced benefits, or similar incentives can be provided to benefit recipients to encourage compliance with individual health care plans.
- Efforts should continue to expand managed care statewide and across additional eligibility categories, when feasible, but with assurances that persons with disabilities and other special needs have access to needed services.
- Virginia should study the potential impact of modifying current public subsidy programs for employer-sponsored or other private health insurance coverage for Medicaid eligible individuals to encourage use of those options when available.
- The state should seek federal approval to expand "buy-in" programs allowing increased participation in Medicaid and FAMIS when feasible and cost-effective.

The second initiative focused on care coordination and integration of acute and long-term care (ALTC) services for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities. As a result of meetings last fall with local and state-level stakeholders, a long-range blueprint for ALTC service integration was developed. That blueprint calls for expansion of community Programs of All

Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), in which older individuals and those with disabilities who meet nursing facility criteria can receive health and long-term care services centered on an adult day healthcare model. This would be implemented using a two-phased, regional model for care coordination and expanded managed care. More information about this blueprint can be found at www.dmas.virginia.gov/altc-home.htm.



Additional changes in Virginia's Medicaid system are anticipated as the state struggles to contain rising costs while maintaining and expanding services. Advocates and other stakeholders will need to monitor this process closely and provide feedback to ensure access to and availability of essential services for people with disabilities. ♡♡

Jack Brandt (continued from page 1)

Senator Michael Enzi of Wyoming, Jack analyzed new federal regulations that affect people with disabilities.

Jack has petitioned the state and federal legislatures to expand community supports, including full implementation of the Supreme Court's "Olmstead" decision calling for greater self-determination and opportunities for people with disabilities to live in the least restrictive environments. As a 2006 Governor's Fellow with the Office of Community Integration, he further distinguished himself as a scholar and advocate with broad knowledge and skills in local, state, and federal policy.

An active board member at Valley Associates for Independent Living in Harrisonburg, Jack initiated a local "get out the vote" campaign, issued action alerts on important issues, developed policy positions, and encouraged others to become more active in the political process. His exceptional enthusiasm, dedication, and achievements have already won him numerous awards. Along the way, Jack has also found the time and energy to develop his skills as an artist and use his artwork to advance his advocacy and encourage others with disabilities to fully develop their abilities and pursue their dreams. ♡♡



Meetings & Events of Interest



Disability Advisory Council (DAC)

March 21, 2007 10:00am
Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy
1910 Byrd Avenue, Suite 5, Richmond, VA 23230
tracy.manley@vopa.virginia.gov (800) 552-3962

"Wide Open Doors" Conference

May 5, 2007
(Sponsor) Through the Roof Ministries, Woolridge Road Church,
5130 Woolridge Road, Moseley, VA 23120
Tammy Burns, 804-639-4777 or tburns@woolridgeroad.org

Virginia Public Guardianship & Conservator Advisory Board

March 22, 2007 10:00am
Virginia Department for the Aging, 1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100,
Richmond VA 23229, faye.cates@vda.virginia.gov
(800) 552-3402

Disability Advisory Council (DAC)

June 20, 2007 10:00am
Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy, 1910 Byrd Avenue,
Suite 5, Richmond, VA 23230, tracy.manley@vopa.virginia.gov
(800) 552-3962

State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC)

April 18 - 20, 2007 9:00am
Board of Education. Location to be determined, contact
Dr. Patricia Abrams 804-225-2707

Virginia Public Guardianship & Conservator Advisory Board

June 28, 2007 10:00am
Virginia Department for the Aging, 1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100,
Richmond VA 23229, faye.cates@vda.virginia.gov (800) 552-3402

Virginia Guardianship & Virginia Elder Rights Coalition Conference

April 23 - 24, 2007
Virginia Guardianship Association
Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, VA., joyduke@msn.com
or 804-261-4046, www.vgavirginia.org/conferences.asp

Second Annual Statewide Conference: Strong Roots for a Healthy Future

July 27-28, 2007
(Sponsor) by Medical Home Plus
Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street,
Richmond, VA, www.medicalhomeplus.org/

Virginia Brain Injury Council Quarterly Meeting

April 27, 2007 1:00pm
Department of Rehabilitative Services, 8004 Franklin Farms Drive,
Richmond VA 23229 - Conference Rooms 101/103/105
Kristie.chamberlain@drs.virginia.gov (800) 552-5019

Grant Request for Proposals due 5:00pm, Friday, March 9, 2007. For more information, visit www.vaboard.org

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