

**disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)  
Governing Board Meeting**

Richmond, VA

December 18, 2015

**Members Present by Phone** Angela Thanyachareon(President), Jacqueline Eubanks, Maureen Hollowell, Bryan Lacy, Kathryn Marks, CW Tillman

**Members Absent** Maria Teresa Caligaris, Stephen Dawe, Michael Toobin, Eunice Turkson, Tom Walk

**Staff Present** Devin Coleman, Melissa Gibson, Jenny Heilborn, Colleen Miller

**Call to Order and Welcome** Angela Thanyachareon (President), called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda** Accepted as amended.

**Review of Lobbying Restictions**

Colleen Miller presented a review of the three sets of laws regarding lobbying restrictions for dLCV.

In the event that dLCV crosses into lobbying, there is money set aside for lobbying expenditures (non-federal dollars).

Currently, the Board Operating Procedures does not restrict Board Members from testifying on their own behalf.

**Review of FY 16 Public Policy Objectives**

Colleen presented a review of the FY 16 public policy objectives. Historically, VOPA and dLCV had been poised to respond to legislative activity that poses a risk to the disability community.

**Report on Governor's Budget Proposal**

Colleen presented a report on Governor's Budget Proposal. She also presented expected issues for the upcoming 2016 General Assembly session. No action was taken by the Board.

**Legislative agendas of other groups**

Colleen briefly shared the legislative agendas of other state disability organizations. Most organization were waiting to finalize their agenda until the Governor's budget was released.

## **Additions to dLCV Public Policy Objectives**

Colleen and the Board discussed the following additions to the public policy objectives:

- Death penalty: exclusion for mental illness
- Seclusion and Restraint in Public Schools
- Mandatory Outpatient Treatment Laws
- Attendant overtime restrictions

The Board urged Colleen to use her best judgment on public policy work.

## **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Maureen Hollowell reported that the Nominating Committee met on December 14, 2015, to review the submitted applications and to discuss the current vacancy on the Board. Although each candidate had something of interest to offer, none had a strong background in nonprofit boards or a strong background in financial oversight.

The Committee recommended to the Board to reduce the Board membership from 12 members to 11. Maureen moved and CW seconded to reduce the Board, and by the spring, have a robust discussion about a strategy to recruit and retain future Board members. The Board accepted the motion unanimously.

## **Other Business**

Angela reported on the status of the Finance Committee and the need for greater support. Angela requested for the Board to suggest anyone who would be willing to serve on the Finance Committee.

In addition, Angela requested the Board to seek out individuals with a financial background. Specifically, someone who has completed an audit or chief financial activity for non-profits or someone who has a high-level sophisticated knowledge. The Committee will benefit from having additional members.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.**