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PAIMI Advisory Council Minutes	
April 24, 2021 / 10:30am	
Attendance	
Councilmembers Present:	Tina Stelling(Chair), Caroline Gendelman(Vice Chair), Heidi Campbell (Secretary), Staci Young, Kaea Waldrop, Brandon Cassady, Bonnie Neighbour, and Steve Hornstein.
Councilmembers Absent:	Pam Durham
dLCV Staff Present:	Colleen Miller(Executive Director), Becka Herbig, Virginia Pharis, Nicole Durose, Greg Crapanzano (dLCV Boardmember), and Kourtney Wilson.
Public Guests:	Dione Bassett, Weston Allen, Sarah Meehan, and Edmund Creekmore.
Call to Order:	Tina Stelling
Public Comment:	Steve Hornstein Steve expressed concern regarding not having in person meetings.
Introductions:	Done
Approval of Minutes :	Motion: Caroline Gendelman Seconded: Staci Young The minutes from Jan 2021 are approved pending corrections.
Edits to Minutes:	Name spelling corrections, removing personal information of prospective members that apply.
Membership Renewal:	Caroline Gendelman, 2 nd Term
Individual Advocacy Updates:	
Brandon:	Discussed the upcoming Special Education Conference.
Kaea:	Able to have middle school go through sensitivity training, provided them with resources to do so.
Caroline:	Advance Directives, was able to get everything in place to help her family.
Staci:	Continuing her work in Regional Processes in Region 5.
Tina:	Still having issues with Interpreters, continues to document everything in regards to being treated unfairly.
Agenda Items	
Board Updates: Greg Crapanzano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created Fundraising Committee •Consider Resolution for Steve Dodd •Case Statement for Diversity and Cultural Differences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Possible purchase of own building •Program needs assessment with PAIMI`s help •Identify new resources, \$50K grant from JMU •Abuse and Neglect Database •Create ability to get vaccine for Covid-19 •Grant to help fight domestic violence in families •Seeking diverse candidates with Fundraising/marketing experience <p>Greg answers questions from the Council.</p>
<p>Litigation Report: Colleen Miller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Human Rights process, VOPA converted into a real due process, still needs work •AMICA's Brief, arguing for the standard of care •Voting Rights, Access to ballots for the visually impaired •Settlement Agreement with U.S. Courts for individuals with disabilities, the Commonwealth moving for dismissal and the concern that the courts will "get tired". <p>Colleen answers questions from the Council.</p>
<p>Legislative Report: Colleen Miller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Legislation passed to allow evidence of mental illness in criminal proceedings •Mandatory Outpatient Treatment bill passed, Advance Directive followed, takes out agreement, ability to comply, extends length to 180 days maximum, concerns it may affect employment or education, judge must consider these issues. •Patient`s ready for discharge that have not been moved out, getting push-back, study group to figure out why discharge planning is not working, problem may lie with CSB`s and/or housing . •The Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the 21st Century led by Sen. Creigh Deeds has been passed to turn into a Commission. They have refused to allow Consumer membership on this Deed`s Commission and dLCV will continue to pursue Consumer Membership. •Previous proposed budgets added significant number of beds at Central State Hospital, the new one did not. • Three bills were successful -Curbside voting allowed -Employment, illegal to discriminate on sexuality, but left out" disabilities " intentionally, dLCV persuaded to change it and was successful. Now have protections in State Law, applies to ANY employer. -CHRIS Reporting Law, from ANY provider by DBHDS, also negotiating with Adult Protective Services to investigate abuse and neglect, in effect July 1, 2021. <p>Colleen answers questions from the Council.</p> <p>PAIMI GRANT OVERVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-employment Transition Services •BonAir-DJJ facilities monitoring remotely, Covid-19 outbreaks were staff. •EBL work, concerns of high number of people still in the hospital, hopes to bring a reporter to the State Human Rights Committee meeting to cover this issue. • Work with Supportive Decision making and Advance Directives. •PAIMI case numbers increased dramatically in 2020, some of these numbers may have been artificially depressed.

<p>By-Laws Discussion: Tina Stelling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Presented to Board of Directors to go into legal effect •Out-dated material, need to update •Article III- Required 60% to be Consumer Services, language to be changed to follow regulations and include family, Chair person must receive services, and to enable to serve 2 consecutive 4yr terms with 1 yr off. •Article II- Nomination Committee, eliminate this from the By-laws. Change to just “Nominations “. •Elections of Officers-Added nominations, fixed up elections section •Section V- Vacancies, special election to be held at last meeting of the year •Section VI- Cut out nominations Committee •Section VII- Special meeting called due to concern of officer performance • Duties- Cut nominations committee, keeping steering committee to have a few people for select situations that may effect the Council, only in emergencies and with the addition of a dLCV Liaison. •Conduct of meetings, ties into removal of office •Reports- Removal of language regarding the steering committee •Special Committees-Removal of language, distribute power back to Council and for emergencies only. <p>Tina answers questions from the Council. Motion: Bonnie Neighbour Seconded: Caroline Gendelman All approved</p>
<p>LEO Project: Virginia Pharis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Objective called Law Enforcement Project -Identify relevant interactions with law enforcement officers - data collection -collect stories from Consumers with Law Enforcement involvement •Literature review from Intrepid Intern •Collecting stories from individuals with disabilities interacting with law enforcement to look for best practices •Collect information from 2021 for future reference •Consumer Surveys to become available known as “ Law Enforcement and Disability Survey “ -Inclusive of all law enforcement agencies/divisions - Must reside in Virginia -Must be a disabled individual <p>Virginia went through the Survey format and answered questions from the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ending Goal of Data, looking for overarching trends, expert excerpts, and useful insight as some reports may go to Legislature. •Legal Confidentiality was discussed and will be looked into. • Hope to get this out.. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper copies at State Hospitals - DJJ facilities - Jail monitoring - Callers can get paper copies - Advocates - Word of mouth - Social media

	- Deadline: collection by July 15,2021 for fiscal year 2022.
Recruitment	Looking for Northwest and Southern areas, folks with diversity and experience in fundraising and marketing.
Adjourned: 3:22pm	
Next meeting : July 24,2021 10:30am-2:30pm	