PAIMI Advisory Council Minutes
10/23/2021 / 10:30 AM

Attendance
Councilmembers present: Tina, Caroline, Kaea, Weston, Staci, Steve, Heidi
Councilmembers absent: Michael, Brandon
dLCV Staff Present: Nicole Durose, Becka Herbig, interns Kat, Sarah, Taylor
Public Guests: Carrie, Jennifer, David

Call to Order
Public Comment: None
Approval of Minutes: The minutes from July 30, 2021 were approved.
Edits to Minutes: None

Individual Advocacy Updates
- Steve: Manor High School in Portsmouth, VA could use some more library books and magazines in the field of Black history and English ASL
- Staci: Region 5 hotlines scheduled to go live December first, starting 24 hour crisis receiving center for Region 5
- Caroline: Wheelchair dependent brother kept on a locked ward in facility in Staunton, but they don’t have the staff to accommodate taking him outside for some fresh air
- Kei: SPED advocacy center for Hanover County, only attending to children with ADHD and Autism and avoiding others with other disabilities
- Weston: Health Wagon in Wise VA - they have a shortage of staff and lost nurse practitioner who does psychiatric care. There is a lack of doctors and nurses at this nonprofit; concern surrounding people in that area of the state receiving care
- Heidi: CIT making headway; need for CIT being emphasized. Training (least restrictive environment) is making an impact
- Steve: Northern VA Mental Health Institute - people who get admitted spend at least 3 years there
- Jennifer: Advocating to educate media and law enforcement, lobbying at the GA, her focus is on civil commitment
- Carrie: Staff shortages—conversations with key players in HR about it and they have been looking at ways to do a better job of employing and retaining people with disabilities to help with the staffing shortages. Accessible technology and accommodations could be helpful in this process.

Agenda Items
Board Updates
- Approving budget for next year
  - Personnel policies - approve giving dLCV employees time off for sick leave
  - Updates on task force
Examining power and role of the Board President over PAC decisions

**FY22 Objectives**
- IRU
  - Becka reviewed FY22 Objectives and answered any questions/concerns
- CAU
  - Sarah presented on the foster care transition policy clarification

**Diversity**
- Importance of diversifying Council and providing training to Council on how to improve diversity
- Recruiting more people from the Western part of the state

**Litigation Report**
Colleen presented on:
- Legislative session from Jan 12-march 12
  - Better medicaid services for people with traumatic brain injuries
  - Abuse and neglect registry
- dLCV have volunteers to sit in on the session (Caroline showed interest)
- Overview of year-end progress report

Next meeting date set for February 5th, 2022

**Adjourned**
Motion to adjourn made at 2:30 and passed unanimously.