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## disAbility Law Center of Virginia PAIMI Advisory Council Minutes 01/21/2023 / 10:30 AM

01/21/2025 / 10.50 AW		
Attendance		
Councilmembers Present Councilmembers	Zipporah L., Joseph S., Steve H., Brandon C., Weston A., Heidi C., Caroline G., Jennifer S., Nicky R., Lisa C., David G. Staci Y.	
Absent		
dLCV Staff Present	Nicole, Terry, Becka, Taylor, Faith	
Public Guests	Lisa J., Donna G. (Board Chairperson), Eleanor J.	
Call to Order		
Public Comment		
N/A		
Approval of Minutes	5	
	tober 22, 2022 were approved. /A	
Individual Advocacy	Updates	
Caroline:	Family member in a facility and the problems with the facility	
Steve:	Lives in an ALF that is very restrictive with residents going out. Concerned about ODU merging with VA Eastern Medical Institute and asked individuals to call the Governor to urge him not to allow this to happen, phone number is 804-786-2211	
Agenda Items		
Board Updates	Donna reported that dLCV staff have switched to a 35 hour work week.  Personnel policies are being changed so that it's easier to report to someone about harassment. Changing policies around being involved in criminal activity and reporting.  Donna reported on the committees that PAC members can join.	
2023 Meeting Dates	April 29, July 22, October 28 (joint meeting)	
Review of PAIMI	Becka reviewed PAIMI grant. Heidi asked who makes decisions for which cases to open. Becka explained access authority. Heidi stated that the public perception is that dLCV will help anyone with a disability. Becka agreed and clarified that people will ask for services just because they have a disability when their situation does not involve their disability. Heidi also stated that	

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	dLCV needs to be more integrated in the community so that people are more aware. Joseph mentioned that in the hospital he works at all the signage about rights has been removed. Weston recommended talking to the American Counseling Association. The Council discussed legislation to make signage mandatory in facilities. Weston mentioned creating a council to focus on awareness.
	Becka also reviewed access to records through releases and probable cause.
	Council discussed problems with human rights regulations. Taylor discussed the impact project and asked for ideas about the video and fact sheet. Caroline mentioned providing education to caregivers or friends/family members about what to look for, what to ask in regards to human rights violations.
Council	Tabled.
Expectations	
Review of Bylaws, Application, Survey Results	Review surveyed results. Weston suggested more committees. David suggested putting items on the agenda to discuss. Zipporah mentioned bringing in guest speakers or presenters. Steve mentioned having the Council volunteer to do outreach.  Committees: Recruitment, public awareness with focus on mental health and have a VCO staff sit in on a meeting  Nicole will send an email to recruit for the subcommittees.
	Review of application revision was tabled.
Litigation Report / Legislative Updates	Colleen reviewed the PRO, litigation report, and legislative updates with the Council.
Adjourned	

Motion to adjourn made at 2:27 PM and passed unanimously.

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