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**disAbility Law Center of Virginia
PAIMI Advisory Council Minutes
05/07/2022 / 10:30 AM**

Attendance

Councilmembers Present	Steve, Weston, Caroline, Staci, Michael, David, Brandon, Heidi, Jennifer, Ka'ea
Councilmembers Absent	Tina
dLCV Staff Present	Becka, Nicole, Terry, Carol, Grace (Intern), Colleen
Public Guests	Frank (Boardmember), Elise, Lisa, Zipporah, Charlette

Call to Order Caroline – 10:31 AM

Public Comment/Individual Advocacy Updates

Staci:	Shortage in public workforce and as a result impact on services
Caroline:	People still struggling while COVID rates are low
Steve:	Seeds for the public, 540-894-9480. Benefits of gardening
Heidi:	Local officer asking for relief in ED, could peer specialists relieve officers. Bed of last resort not working.
Elise:	Expounded on Staci's comment and shared story of hospital patient
Weston:	Southwest VA struggling to find psychiatrists; complications with SSA disability
Carol	Requested a speaker for the Summit for Mental Health, flaws in the MH system and how VA is attempting to change the system. Looking for consumer to talk for 45 minutes and 15 minutes Q&A.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 05, 2022 were approved.
Edits to N/A
Minutes:

Agenda Items

Board Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gala coming up, asked for volunteers or businesses that would support, any items that can be donated for silent auction. 6:30 – 9:30 at Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, June 17. Few early bird tickets left. Steve asked if the Gala would provide free tickets to volunteers. Frank recommended to ask the Chairperson of the committee and explained that it is a fundraiser. Elise recommended to incentivize selling tickets as a way to earn a free ticket. Darrell Tiller Mason Excellence in Advocacy Award nominations due by May 20. Buying building – looking at VUU area Committees – Resource Development, Personnel, Public Awareness & Goals, Governance
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Objectives Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becka reviewed objectives from 2nd quarter. • Members questioned reliability of data reported from hospitals on seclusion & restraint • Member asked about working with emergency care systems to prevent medically inappropriate admissions. Member brought up DD individuals and difficulty with communication. Member explained that there are different licenses for DD and many hospitals don't have the DD license. Becka recommended PAC brainstorm objective for dLCV to address this
Application Revision	<p>Caroline explained that the goal is to look at increasing diversity, specifically with BIPOC.</p> <p>Brandon suggested using the AA model of starting with churches. Also asked about putting question on application about language and what language applicant speaks.</p> <p>David suggested putting a statement that the Council supports diversity instead of asking about race/ethnicity. Two issues – marketing and changes to application</p> <p>Staci reminded that diversity is more than just race.</p> <p>Elise felt asking about race would be offensive. Suggested advertising the Council more to the community. Maybe advertising on flyers in businesses.</p> <p>Heidi did not want people to feel chosen due to tokenism, rather what they had to offer.</p> <p>Weston suggested explaining Council in a easier way to get people to join</p> <p>Lisa suggested having ambassadors for each region.</p> <p>Staci suggested “If you want to provide, are you a member of any diverse populations that you identify with that bring a unique perspective to the conversation?”</p> <p>Michael suggested making changes to opening paragraph of the application and proposed changes in an email.</p> <p>Frank explained how the Board chooses members. Board also uses nomination process.</p>
Legislation Update & Litigation Report	Colleen reviewed information to the Council.
Objective Planning	Nicole informed Council time to start objective planning for FY23
Council Nomination	N/A

Adjourned

Motion to adjourn made at 2:20 and passed unanimously.
