

## Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability

### Meeting Minutes

The Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability met on May 4, 2016 from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. at the Department of Developmental Services Central Office.

Present were: James Brett, Chairman, Anne Fracht, Ruth Freedman, Doreen Cummings, Jennifer Treseler, George Ford, Joann Simons, Marjorie Cohen, Sarah Joor, Paul Zerola, James Cassetta

Absent were: Jill Larsen, John Nadworny

EOHHS representative present: Alice Moore

DDS representatives present: Elin Howe, Jane Ryder, Victor Hernandez

Each member introduced themselves and spoke about their interest in the field of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Commissioner Elin Howe provided an overview of the Department and an update on initiatives (PowerPoint attached) including information on: number of individuals served; 2014 changes in eligibility criteria; FY16 budget and proposed FY17 budget; federal revenue generated; services offered; methods by which individuals can receive services; DDS' four federal waivers; the CMS Home and Community Based Rule and; the Department's effort to ensure that individuals are fully included in their communities. There was much discussion and many questions raised by Commission members on these issues.

The Commissioner provided more specific written information on the: Residential Reconfiguration Plan; Adults with Autism PowerPoint; Statewide Family Support Directory; "In Their Own Words: The Need For Family Support Services" report and; the Blueprint for Success: Employing Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities in Massachusetts".

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at EOHHS Matta Conference Room, One Ashburton Place, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston. The topic identified for discussion is the Commonwealth's plan to address requirements in the Home and Community Based Rule.