



Virginia Department of  
Behavioral Health &  
Developmental Services

# Settlement Agreement Stakeholder Group Member Welcome

DOJ Settlement Agreement Stakeholder Meeting

December 13, 2016

# Development of Stakeholder Group

- Established in July 2012
- Purpose: to ensure key stakeholders
  - receive regular updates on a wide range of implementation activities related to the SA,
  - have a forum for assuring a common understanding of facts and issues related to the implementation of the SA
- Group will continue to meet until the conclusion of the SA
- Members appointed by Commissioner of DBHDS for two year terms

# Composition of Group

- Comprised of representatives from diverse personal or professional backgrounds who have experience supporting individuals with DD. Includes:
  - individuals receiving services
  - family members of individuals receiving services
  - family members of individuals who are on the waitlist
  - individuals on the waitlist
  - advocacy organizations
  - provider associations
  - state agencies
  - At Large – individuals able to provide a valuable perspective not specific to other categories

# Meetings

- Quarterly meetings
  - Last month of the quarter for 3 hours (1-4pm)
  - Location for meetings varies
- Agendas
  - General Update
  - Training Center Closure Update
  - Budget Update
  - Topical Presentations and facilitated discussions for gathering feedback

# Settlement Agreement Dates

- Aug 2008:** DOJ initiated an investigation of CVTC pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA).
- April 2010:** DOJ notified VA expanding investigation to focus on Virginia's compliance with (ADA) and the U.S. Supreme Court Olmstead ruling.
- Feb. 2011:** DOJ submitted a findings letter to Virginia, concluding VA failed to provide services to individuals with DD in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.
- March 2011:** Virginia entered into negotiations with DOJ .
- Jan 26, 2012:** VA and DOJ reached a Settlement Agreement.
- Aug 23, 2012:** Agreement accepted and filed

# Implementation Highlights

- Training Center transition and discharge process established: SVTC closed 2014; NVTC closed 2016
- Waivers slots created each year: exceeds requirement
- Employment First policy adopted
- Independent Housing Plan: 555 living independently
- START Crisis system for adults established (now REACH)
- Individual and Family Support Program serves 1000/year
- DD Health Services Network created
- Data Warehouse created
- Quality Service Reviews begun
- Redesigned Waiver system implemented Sept 2016

# Reporting Schedule

The Independent Reviewer formally reviews the Commonwealth's compliance with the S.A twice a year following the below reporting schedule. Reports as well as other information related to the S.A can be found on DBHDS' website at: <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/developmental-disabilities/doj-settlement-agreement>

<b>Start of Reporting Period</b>	<b>End of Reporting Period</b>	<b>Report submitted to the Court</b>
October 1st	March 30th	June 13th
April 1st	September 30th	December 13th

# List of Upcoming Meetings:

- **March 14, 2017**                      **1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- **June 20, 2017**                        **1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- **September 19, 2017**                **1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- **December 12, 2017**                **1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**