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## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

Meeting Date: October 20, 2004  
Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 130  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 3

**Members Present:** Rep. Vanessa Summers; Rep. Robert Alderman; Rep. Cleo Duncan; Sen. Kent Adams; Sen. Marvin Riegsecker; Hugh Beebe; Susan Hansen; Herbert Grulke; John Taylor.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Dennie Oxley; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Sen. Connie Sipes; Mike Carmin; Leah Helvering.

### Call to Order

Representative Summers, Chair, called the third meeting of the Indiana Commission on Autism to order at 1:20 p.m.

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### **Consideration of Legislative Proposals**

#### *PD 3622 -- Autism Waiver<sup>2</sup>*

PD 3622 requires the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services to fund 50 eligible individuals under the autism waiver.

Representative Alderman discussed his support for the funding of more waiver slots. After being properly moved and seconded, the motion to recommend PD 3622 to the General Assembly received a unanimous affirmative vote from the seven members who were present. However, under the rules of the Legislative Council, at least eight votes are required for the Commission to recommend a final bill draft; therefore, the motion did not pass.

#### *PD 3627 -- Services for Developmentally Disabled Children<sup>3</sup>*

PD 3627 appropriates to the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services an amount sufficient to fund services for 50 individuals in small behavior management residences for children. It also requires the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services to work with the necessary agencies, departments, divisions, bureaus, offices, and councils to ensure that small behavior management residences for children are available and located equitably throughout the state based on current and projected needs.

The members of the Commission noted that there was no fiscal note for PD 3627 at that time. Kim Dodson, Director of Government Relations and Development, The Arc of Indiana, stated that the Arc of Indiana did not support or oppose PD 3627 but that the Arc of Indiana would rather see the money used for waivers for families. In response to questions from members, she indicated that providers are moving away from group homes. Sue Lindborg, President/CEO, Christole Inc., spoke in support of group homes and indicated that not every child has a family.

After being properly moved and seconded, the motion to recommend PD 3627 to the General Assembly received a unanimous affirmative vote from the seven members who were present. However, under the rules of the Legislative Council, at least eight votes are required for the Commission to recommend a final bill draft; therefore, the motion did not pass.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct, Rep. Summers adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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<sup>2</sup> Exhibit 1

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 2