



**Governor's Commission on Disabilities  
Legislation Committee  
Housing Working Group Minutes  
October 19, 2012 3:30 pm**

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**Attendees:** Angelina Stabile, Judi Drew  
**Staff:** Gabrielle Mele-Algus, Mary Brennan Public Policy Fellow

**Action Items:**



Public forum graphic

**1. Public Forums on the Concerns of People with Disabilities and their Families**  
Purpose/Goal: To review the testimony from the public forums, identify common concerns and develop recommendations

On Pages	Concerns	Recommendations
Meeting Notes: a. There is a lack of section 8 vouchers – possibly expand the number of section 8 vouchers i. enact a bill to create a fund or special initiative to generate 2 properties per year of section 8 housing properties over the next 10 years		
90	There is a lack of Section 8 vouchers	Enact a special initiative to generate 2 properties per year per community of section 8 housing properties over the next 10 years.
Meeting Notes: a. Require group homes to use fragrance free products		
78, 79	Chemical and/or electromagnetic sensitivities are not considered in group housing	Require group homes to use fragrance free products. Sensitivity should be an element of training to group home supervisors. Providers shall be made aware of their ADA obligation to make reasonable accommodations for chemical sensitivity needs.
Meeting Notes: a. Carol Araujo - Look into something saying that can't put too many people in a group home – 6? b. If there should be restriction on how many people are living in a group home c. Shirley Wright – refer to Perspectives d. Laurie Archambault - Quality of the services of group home staff, what training are people getting, loved ones are ending up with unexplained injuries, unsupervised bathroom use,		

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doesn't sound like being properly supervised  
b.

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Too many people in a group home

Place a limit on how many people can be in a group home.

Meeting Notes:

1. Autism Program
  - a. What kind of services are out there and available and what is the quality of services – training that people are getting, whether or not the programs that are implemented are meeting the needs of the individual or not
2. Chemical and/or Electromagnetic Sensitivities
  - a. \*\*\*Requiring group homes to use fragrance free products
3. Home Modifications
  - a. Mary Jane DeAngelis – 12 years have gone by and her lift system has never been installed



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**MOTION:** To propose the concerns and recommendations above AS/JD passed unanimously



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**2. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm