

MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE

Disabilities Advisory Council to the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy

The Disabilities Advisory Council (DAC) is recruiting for new members. This Advisory Council represents individuals with disabilities who do not have mental illness or serious emotional disturbance. (Individuals with mental illness or serious emotional disturbance are represented by the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Advisory Council (PAIMI).)

The mission of the Council is to provide recommendations, information, and advice to the Governing Board and staff of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy. This helps to assure that individuals with disabilities are free from abuse, neglect, and related rights violations. Input from Council members on issues in their local disability community is also encouraged.

The Council consists of 10 — 20 members and shall be broadly representative of the diverse culture and geography of Virginia. The membership of Council shall include individuals with disabilities who are eligible for disability-related services, or who received or are receiving disability-related services, or parents, family members, guardians, advocates, other representatives, or disability-related service providers. The majority of Council membership will be comprised of persons with disabilities or family members. Meetings are held quarterly and travel and lodging expenses are paid by VOPA.

If you are interested in joining the Council, please complete the Council Application and return it to VOPA. If you have questions about the Council, please contact VOPA at 1-800-552-3962 or e-mail to: general.vopa@vopa.virginia.gov.



Virginia's Protection and Advocacy System Serving Persons with Disabilities