

WHEREAS, National best practices in community-based supports include self-directed services and customized employment; and

WHEREAS, Without a timely solution to the structural under-funding, State-funded community-based providers will be unable to continue to provide quality services that are accessible throughout Maryland; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) ~~There is a Task Force on the Structural Under-Funding of Community Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities~~ The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall establish a Task Force to Study the Developmental Disabilities Administration Rate Payment Systems.

(b) The Task Force ~~consists~~ shall consist of the following members:

(1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) The Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) One representative from the Maryland Association of Community Services;

(6) One representative from the ARC of Maryland;

(7) One representative from People on the Go;

(8) Four representatives of Developmental Disabilities Administration-funded community-based providers, including a provider of residential supports, a provider of supported employment supports, a provider of day habilitation services, and a provider of community-supported living arrangements;

(9) One representative from the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission; ~~and~~