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STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 9

**TO CREATE THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to the goals of creating a social and physical environment in Anne Arundel County that permits persons with disabilities to maintain their independence and control over their own lives and to participate fully in the community; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to the goal of ensuring that County government complies with all federal, State, and local laws protecting persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a body of citizens with knowledge of the full range of issues affecting persons with disabilities is critical to providing to the County Executive and others with advice and recommendations regarding the County's policies and actions that may affect citizens with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven R. Schuh, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this 19 day of April, 2016, as follows:

1. The Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues is created.
2. The Commission shall meet with the frequency it determines necessary to perform its function under this Executive Order. There shall be at least one meeting per quarter.
3. The Commission shall consist of twenty-one (21) individuals appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.
4. Each member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms.

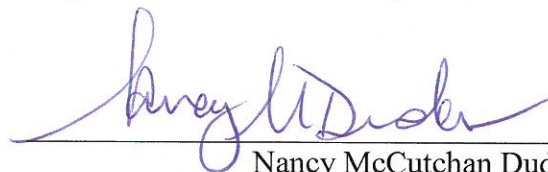
5. The County Executive shall appoint one of the members as Chair.
6. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall be to:
 - a. Advise the County Executive, County Council and County Departments regarding services and activities for individuals with disabilities;
 - b. Collect data regarding the needs of individuals with disabilities, and review reports and publications of governmental agencies providing services in the community;
 - c. Advise the County Executive, County Council and County Departments regarding County, State, or federal legislation that may impact individuals with disabilities;
 - d. Advise the County Executive, County Council and County Departments regarding methods of maximizing the use of facilities and services available to individuals with disabilities;
 - e. Advise the County Executive, County Council and County Departments regarding barriers to service delivery and recommend plans for more effective delivery of services to individuals with disabilities;
 - f. Promote the coordination of services among all public and private agencies, departments, and organizations that provide services and programs to individuals with disabilities; and
 - g. Advise the County Executive, County Council and County Departments regarding sources of State and federal financial assistance for the purpose of expanding services and programs for individuals with disabilities.
7. The Commission shall conduct open meetings to provide a direct avenue of communication by disabled individuals to public and private agencies.
8. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the County Executive that sets forth the status of services and programs for disabled individuals in the County and that includes recommendations for funding and more effective delivery of services and programs to disabled individuals.
9. The Commission shall meet annually with the County Executive or the designee of the County Executive.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.



STEVEN R. SCHUH
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Nancy McCutchan Duden
County Attorney