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To: TJPDC Commissioners
From: Billie Campbell
Date: June 30, 2009
Re: Transportation and Housing Alliance (THA)

Purpose: To present the work produced under a two-year continuation of the Transportation and Housing Alliance (THA) grant awarded through the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD).

Background: TJPDC was awarded a grant in 2005 to launch a statewide initiative, the Transportation and Housing Alliance (THA). That grant culminated with the publication of the first edition of the THA Toolkit, a binder of information and guidance to assist localities in planning, with tools to address the needs of people with disabilities and other populations. Near the end of the original grant, in the spring of 2007, VBPD invited TJPDC to submit a proposal for a two-year continuation of the grant. The proposal was structured to provide funding to PDCs, localities, or other entities to carry out planning projects utilizing the THA Toolkit. The grant end date was June 30, 2009.

Update: Work during the two-year continuation included:

- Twelve planning projects utilizing the THA Toolkit. A list of projects is included in this packet. Additionally, one project was undertaken to create a new section to the THA Toolkit itself. Three of the 12 projects were carried out directly by the TJPDC.
- Creation of Fact Sheets giving specific guidance on use of the THA Toolkit for various applications.
- The second edition of the THA Toolkit. A flyer on the Toolkit, including a list of Fact Sheets created to date, is enclosed.

Action Needed: This is an informational item only. Localities in the TJPDC are encouraged to utilize the THA Toolkit in planning projects. TJPDC can provide THA Toolkits to planning departments.

Funding through the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) is available through December 31, 2009. Work under the agreement includes making presentations about the THA Toolkit throughout the state. Your suggestions of conferences or events appropriate for submission of presentation proposals on the project would be appreciated.