



Charlottesville Region Autism Action Group

### **Updates from the April 28, 2021 CRAAG Meetings**

Many thanks to the 37 individuals who attended one or more of the two meetings held to discuss and approve **CRAAG's Reorganization and Work Group Proposal**. Those attending included 31 family members and 6 professionals representing CA Human Services, Compass, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), The Faison Center, Region Ten Case Management, and Virginia Institute of Autism. Thanks to everyone who participated.

[Click here to read the proposal.](#) [Click here to see the meeting slides.](#)

The meeting agenda was as follows:

1. Introductions
2. Feedback from March 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting
3. CRAAG Reorganization and Work Group Proposal – April 28, 2021
4. Q & A and Discussion
5. Next Steps for Work Groups
6. Provider Updates

Interesting questions/comments from the participants, included:

- Enthusiasm for CRAAG to find out more information about UVA's affordable housing initiative with respect to people with developmental disabilities.
- Concern expressed by families and providers that local increases in the minimum hourly wage to \$15/hour will further diminish the supply of direct care professionals drawn to work with our population.
- Appreciation that Work Groups are timely given the heightened interest in affordable housing in the region and the number of initiatives currently under way.

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