

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1009

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution directing the Disabilities Issues
8 Citizens Advisory Panel to develop recommendations
9 for the Department of Human Services to request
10 amendments to Community and Homeward Bound waivers;
11 and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, each year thousands of Oklahomans with intellectual
13 disabilities and their families receive services and support through
14 the Department of Human Services allowing them to lead safer,
15 healthier, more independent and productive lives; and

16 WHEREAS, like all people, individuals with developmental and/or
17 intellectual disabilities and their families have the same hopes,
18 dreams and desires of a life well-lived; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2012 the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature created four
20 Department of Human Services Citizens Advisory Panels to evaluate
21 Department programs and administration and develop recommendations
22 to improve the Department programs and administration; and

23 WHEREAS, the Disability Issues Citizens Advisory Panel evaluates
24 Department programs that assist Oklahomans with intellectual

1 disabilities and their families by providing advice, information and
2 analysis to the Department; and

3 WHEREAS, self-directed services are grounded in the principles
4 of person-centered planning, which focuses on building a life plan
5 around an individual's preferences, strengths and abilities and
6 involving families, friends and professionals in both the planning
7 and delivery of services as desired by the individual.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT the Disabilities Issues Citizens Advisory Panel work with
11 individuals and families of Oklahomans with intellectual
12 disabilities to develop recommendations for the Department of Human
13 Services to request amendments to the Community and Homeward Bound
14 waivers to allow for self-direction.

15 THAT the Disabilities Issues Citizens Advisory Panel complete
16 their duties and report their recommendations to the Governor, the
17 Oklahoma Legislature and the Director of the Department of Human
18 Services no later than May 15, 2015.

19 THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Director of the
20 Department of Human Services and members of the Disabilities Issues
21 Citizens Advisory Panel.

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