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WVA produced and distributed two (2) editions of our “People With Disabilities Vote” newsletter in FY 11. These newsletters were sent to our mailing list and distributed during numerous outreach and training events in which WVA was involved.

As in FY 2010, West Virginia Advocates (WVA) provided Voter Education Kits to numerous individuals at various conferences, provider locations and senior centers. These kits included outreach items, registration forms, absentee ballots and the WVA PAVA Newsletter which contains answers to many of the common questions individuals may have in reference to the voting process.

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| Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons | N/A |
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| Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 1 | \$8,346 |
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| Description of activities in Area 1 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&As | N/A |
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Area 2

- ❖ To provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to education regarding voter registration, providing individuals with disabilities regarding their legal rights that pertain to voting, and providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in accessing the polls on Election Day.

Goal/Activity outlined in the FY2011 plan (application):

1. WVA will provide outreach and training to patients at West Virginia’s two psychiatric hospitals, William R. Sharpe, Jr. and Mildred-Mitchell Bateman on disability voting rights. Additionally, WVA will assist eligible patients in registering to vote (including requesting absentee ballots) and provide assistance in obtaining access to casting their vote.
2. WVA will provide outreach and training to the staff at William R. Sharpe, Jr. and Mildred-Mitchell Bateman Psychiatric Hospitals on disability voting rights so that staff are prepared to assist patients to fully exercise their right to participate in the electoral process.

3. WVA will provide training on disability voting rights and voting access to service providers who provide services to individuals with disabilities in ICF/MR group homes and through the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Title XIX Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD) Waiver Program (WV I/DD).
4. WVA will provide training on disability voting rights and voting access to senior citizens with disabilities at senior centers in West Virginia.
5. WVA will provide training on disability voting rights and voting access to service providers licensed by the West Virginia Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities who provide services to individuals with disabilities.
6. WVA will provide annual training for all West Virginia Advocates' staff on the voting rights of individuals with disabilities.
7. WVA will continue to include disability voting rights information in the *Advocate*, West Virginia Advocates' tri-annual newsletter.
8. WVA will continue to produce and distribute an up-to-date edition of our voting newsletter, *People with Disabilities Vote*, prior to every election. This newsletter will contain an insert containing a polling site survey which can be completed and returned to our agency by voters to help WVA identify polling sites which may have accessibility issues. Registration and absentee ballot applications are also included in WVA's distribution of the voting newsletter.
9. WVA will continue to include and update disability voting information on the West Virginia Advocates' website, www.wvadvocates.org as well as email updates to individuals with disabilities, grassroots organizations and service providers statewide.
10. WVA will provide disability voting information to individuals with disabilities using social media (Facebook— <http://www.facebook.com/wvadvocates>).
11. WVA will develop a public service announcement that will be broadcast through media outlets to increase voter education, awareness, registration and participation for individuals with disabilities.

Description of activities performed and completed

Voting rights information and voting related links continue to be added to WVA's website.

WVA collaborated with the Fair Shake Network and twelve other disability related agencies and organizations to create, sponsor and promote a Gubernatorial Debate among candidates who were running for the office of Governor in the special gubernatorial election that was held in FY 11. This function was held prior to the primary election. A total of six (6) candidates spoke and answered questions about disability related issues. There were also five (5) representatives from candidates' campaigns

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| | <p>present.</p> <p>After the election, WVA was available to respond to any additional requests that were made in regard to voting access after having exercised the right to vote on election day or through some other process of voting.</p> <p>The PAVA advocate provided a presentation to WVA staff about his work in the PAVA program. He modeled the presentation he offers to the disability and service provider communities.</p> |
| <p>Number of individuals served</p> | <p>WVA's mailing list is approximately 3,200 people</p> <p>Radio stations listenership for The Voice In the Valley is approximately 35,100</p> <p>83 patients and 7 staff at the state's two psychiatric hospitals were trained.</p> |
| <p>Description of types of outreach and education</p> | <p>WVA again provided rights training to staff and patients at WV's two (2) state psychiatric hospitals. During this training, WVA staff included voter rights information and answered any questions attendees had about voting.</p> <p>WVA staff also discussed voting issues with employees/advocates at WV's two (2) state psychiatric hospitals increasing the opportunity for eligible residents of those facilities to receive assistance in exercising their right to access the voting process. A total of 300 of WVA's Voter's Guides were sent to the Directors of Social Work at both of the hospitals for distribution.</p> <p>WVA produced and distributed one (1) edition of our newsletter called the Advocare in FY 11. WVA also produced and distributed an annual report covering FY 10 in FY 11. Both of these publications were sent to our mailing list of approximately 3,200 people. The Advocare and annual report can be viewed on our website at http://wvadvocates.org.</p> <p>WVA sent an e-mail to I/DD Waiver Program and ICF/DD providers offering to send voting information and/or conduct training to participants of the programs. WVA did not receive any requests for training or outreach but did</p> |

send bundles of the voting newsletters as requested by some of the providers. The PAVA Advocate also reached out to numerous senior centers and some senior living communities throughout the state early in the fiscal year.

In April and May 2011, WVA purchased 640 commercials to run on 4 radio stations in the Charleston area and 320 commercials to run on 4 stations in the Clarksburg/Morgantown area. These are two of the most populated areas of the state.

Throughout the course of 2011, WVA attended as many conferences, outreach functions and presentations as possible to provide outreach to various individuals we represent and staff members of other agencies throughout the state. These presentations varied from ten minutes to over an hour depending on the time allotted.

WVA launched a Facebook page in early FY 2011. We often include information about upcoming events and training available to people with disabilities that are sponsored by WVA as well as other organizations who serve people with disabilities. There are currently one hundred twenty-nine (129) "Fans" of our Facebook page. WVA used Facebook and our website to inform people about the voter registration deadlines, absentee ballot deadlines, and dates/times to vote. We used Facebook to let people know they can contact us if they experience any problems with fully accessing their right to vote.

WVA's Executive Director and the PAVA Advocate were guests on The Voice of the Valley radio program that airs on four radio stations during four different times throughout the morning to approximately 35,100 listeners. The first of these was about WVA and the PAVA program. During the second appearance, the advocate was given the opportunity to discuss disability related legislation from the previous legislative session.

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| <p>Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Total amount of HAVA</p> | <p>\$43,572</p> |

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| funding expended on activities in Area 2 | |
| Description of activities in Area 2 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&As | Each of WVA’s voting newsletters includes an actual voter registration form, an absentee ballot application and a polling place survey. The forms can be submitted to the county clerks’ offices and the surveys can be sent to WVA. The newsletters include directions about submitting these items as well as details about voting dates and times and other voting rights information. |
| <p><u>Area 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Participate in advocacy and education efforts revolving around HAVA implementation efforts in their State or Territory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities may include, but not limited to participation on HAVA State Planning Committee, subcommittee or coalition efforts regarding the State Plan, and review, advocacy, and education concerning the enactment of HAVA State Legislation. <p><i>Goal/Activity outlined in the FY2011 plan (application):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WVA will collaborate with the WV Secretary of State’s office to participate in the HAVA implementation efforts in West Virginia. | |
| Description of activities performed and completed | WVA has a contact in the Secretary of State’s office with whom we periodically communicate. The Secretary has assisted with and appeared in WVA’s voter rights DVD (described elsewhere in this report). We are currently continuing to discuss issues with the Secretary’s Office and plan to continue to collaborate in the future. |
| Number of individuals served | N/A |
| Description of types of outreach and education | N/A |
| Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons | N/A |
| Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area | \$81 |
| Description of activities in Area 3 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&As | N/A |
| <u>Area 4</u> | |

- ❖ Training and education of election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers regarding the rights of the voters with disabilities and best practices in working with individuals with disabilities.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to providing training and participating in the development of training education programs for election officials and poll workers.

Goal/Activity outlined in the FY2011 plan (application):

1. WVA will produce a Voter Rights DVD. The DVD will be used in the training and education of election officials, poll workers, election volunteers, service providers and individuals with disabilities regarding the rights of voters with disabilities and best practices in working with individuals with disabilities.
2. WVA will expand and maintain a mailing list to include state and county election officials in order to distribute training/education materials to election officials, poll workers and election volunteers regarding the rights of voters with disabilities.

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| Description of activities performed and completed | WVA has updated and increased the size of our mailing list. We intend to have all current county election officials on the mailing list by mid FY 2012. It is our belief that materials sent to election officials will be shared with poll workers and volunteers. |
| Number of individuals served | N/A |
| Description of types of outreach and education | N/A |
| Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons | The voter rights DVD was developed in FY 2011. It has been quite an extensive undertaking and the finalization of the DVD has been carried over into FY 2012. It is expected to be completed and distributed in early FY 2012. |
| Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 4 | \$36,140 |
| Description of activities in Area 4 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&As | N/A |

Area 5

- ❖ To assist individuals with disabilities in filing complaints under the State-based administrative grievance procedure required by HAA and represent individuals with disabilities in any hearing that may be held regarding the complaint.

Goal/Activity outlined in the FY2011 plan (application):

1. WVA will include information about the administrative grievance procedure in the voting materials and media announcements we create and distribute.
2. WVA will provide assistance to any voter with a disability who requests education on West Virginia’s administrative grievance procedure. Additionally, WVA will assist individuals with disabilities in filing a grievance and/or provide representation in a hearing regarding a grievance that has been filed.
3. When complaints are received from individuals with disabilities, WVA will act to increase equal access for these individuals with disabilities to participate in the voting process, including polling places, voting equipment, and voter registration, up to and including the grievance process.

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| Description of activities performed and completed | Although WVA continues to receive very few calls about voting rights and/or complaints, we did receive four (4) calls about voting issues/concerns. Three (3) of these were handled as Information and Referral and the other Service Request was not yet resolved at the end of FY 2011. |
| Number of individuals served | 4 |
| Description of types of outreach and education | When WVA conducts outreach and training, all participants are asked to contact WVA, the Secretary of State’s Office or their county clerk if they experience any problems in accessing their right to vote. This information is also included on WVA’s written materials. |
| Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons | N/A |
| Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 5 | \$520 |
| Description of activities in Area 5 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&As | N/A |

Area 6

- ❖ To provide assistance to States and other governmental entities regarding the physical accessibility of polling places.
 - Activities may include, but not limited to surveying polling places, identifying potential modifications to make specific polling places accessible, and developing criteria for identifying accessible polling places.

Goal/Activity outlined in the FY2011 plan (application):

1. WVA will have trained staff capable of doing physical accessibility surveys. Such surveys will be completed at any polling place throughout the state in which we receive a complaint.
2. WVA will send findings of all accessibility studies to West Virginia's Secretary of State and/ or the Department of Justice.

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| Description of activities performed and completed | During FY 2011, WVA had two (2) advocates trained and experienced in conducting accessibility studies to determine compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA). If complaints were received these advocates would have worked with the PAVA advocate to conduct studies and make complaints as appropriate. |
| Number of individuals served | 0 |
| Description of types of outreach and education | N/A |
| Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons | WVA did not conduct any physical accessibility studies of polling places in FY 2011 since no complaints were received. As reported previously, WVA includes a polling place survey in all voting newsletters. If/when surveys are received by WVA, they are reviewed. WVA has agreed to send to the Secretary of State's Office any negative survey results with details such as the location and complaint. |
| Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 6 | \$97 |
| Description of activities in Area 6 that displayed innovation which can be shared as "Best Practices" with other State P&As | N/A |

Area 7

- ❖ To obtain training and technical assistance on voting issues, including education regarding accessible voting equipment and systems. Once educated, the information may be used to inform others of the availability of accessible voting equipment and its use.

Goal/Activity outlined in the FY2011 plan (application):

1. WVA staff will receive training from the Secretary of State's office to provide training to West Virginia Advocates' staff on accessible voting machines.

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| <p>2. WVA will explore the possibility of collaborating with one or more county voting commissions to provide “live” demonstrations of accessible voting machines at one or more conferences or outreach events that we are involved in.</p> | |
| <p>Description of activities performed and completed</p> | <p>The PAVA advocate has been in communication with representatives from the Secretary of State’s Office who provide outreach to the public about the voting machines. Ideas are being considered in regard to WVA collaborating with the Secretary of State’s outreach staff for this outreach during disability related events.</p> |
| <p>Number of individuals served</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Description of types of outreach and education</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons</p> | <p>WVA staff was not able to get training from the Secretary of State’s Office in regard to voting machines.</p> |
| <p>Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 7</p> | <p>\$2,891</p> |
| <p>Description of activities in Area 7 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&As</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Citizen feedback regarding the improvements and/or changes to ensure full participation in the electoral process.</p> <p>N/A</p> | |
| <p>Funding carried over from previous fiscal years –</p> <p>FY 2007 - \$0 FY 2008 - \$0 FY 2009 - \$0 FY 2010 - \$18,451 FY 2011 - \$70,000</p> | |
| <p>Explanation of spending trend (use of funds and/or lack of funds used <i>particularly any funds sent back to treasury</i>)</p> <p>N/A</p> | |