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**Georgia Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Meeting: The Olmstead Decision**

Atlanta, GA – On February 27, in Atlanta, the Georgia Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a public meeting to discuss the status of implementation of the Supreme Court’s *Olmstead* decision in the state, to examine ongoing challenges for disabled individuals. The Committee will hear testimony from academics, legal professionals, government officials, civil society organizations, and individuals who have continued to face obstacles in spite of the decision. The Committee welcomes public involvement and participation to better identify and understand these barriers.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm EST**, at the Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. This meeting is free and open to the public.

The public will be invited to speak during an open comment period from 4:35 pm to 4:55 pm. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to jhinton@usccr.gov by Friday, March 30, 2018. The Committee will issue its findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission.

Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact the Commission’s Southern Regional Office at 404-562-7006.

**Public Meeting: Olmstead Decision
February 27, 2018 – Atlanta, GA
Agenda**

9:30 am **Introductions**

9:45 am-10:55 am **Panel 1: State and Local Service Providers**

- **Judy Fitzgerald**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability
- **Amy Howell**, Assistant Commissioner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability
- **Robyn A. Crittenden**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Human Services
- **Eric Jacobson**, Executive Director, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities

11:00 am-12:05 pm Panel 2: Legal and Legislative

- **Susan Jamieson**, Olmstead Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid
- **Talley Wells**, Executive Director, Georgia Appleseed
- **Kathy Floyd**, Executive Director, Georgia Council on Aging

12:10 pm–1:15 pm Panel 3: National and State Organizations

- **Stacey Ramirez**, State Director, The ARC Georgia
- **Shelly Simmons**, Executive Director, Statewide Independent Living Council
- **Regina Kline**, Attorney, Brown Goldstein & Levy

1:15 pm-2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Panel 4: Practitioners and Academics

- **Zoe Stoneman**, Director University Professor, Institute on Human Development & Disability, University of Georgia
- **Becky A. Kurtz**, Director, Area Agency on Aging, Atlanta Regional Commission
- **Chase Jones**, Chairman, Georgia Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission
- **Brenda Liz Muñoz**, Bilingual Program Associate for School and Community Supports, Senior Diversity Fellow for Latino Community of Practice; Center for Leadership in Disability, School of Public Health, Georgia State University

3:35 pm-4:30 pm Panel 5: Advocacy Organizations

- **Ruby Moore**, Executive Director, Georgia Advocacy Office
- **Cheri Mitchell**, People First of Georgia
- **Kim Jones**, Executive Director, NAMI.Org

4:35 pm–4:55 pm Public Comment and Community Testimonials

5:00 pm Adjourn

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