

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
REGARDING
CONNECTICUT'S PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Public Act 16-66 requires Governor Malloy, no later than July 1, 2017, to designate a nonprofit entity to be Connecticut's Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system that will replace the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, which will be abolished by law on July 1, 2017. Public Act 16-66 also requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to issue a Request for Information to solicit information from nonprofit entities as to their capacity to be Connecticut's P&A system.

To assist in this process, OPM is interested in receiving input from the public regarding Connecticut's P&A system and what would be necessary for a nonprofit entity to successfully implement the P&A system.

To this end, OPM will hold a Public Hearing on Monday July 25, 2016 at 10:00A.M. in Room 1A at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT.

OPM also welcomes written comments regarding this matter and will accept comments from Monday June 27, 2016 through Friday July 29, 2016. Written comments can be submitted:

by mail to:

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Any questions should be directed to David Guttchen at OPM at 860-418-6286.

A sign language interpreter will be present at the hearing. Please contact the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities at least 5 business days before the hearing at (860) 297-4307, if other accommodations (material in large print, assistive listening systems, etc.) are needed.

Please refrain from wearing scented products to the hearing.