Proposed Priorities
Fiscal Year 2016 (10/1/15 – 9/30/16)

A. Institutions & Facilities
GOAL: More people with disabilities receiving services in institutions and facilities will receive quality services and increased opportunities to live in less restrictive settings.

1. P&A will investigate suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation and in 90% of the cases will achieve positive outcomes for people with disabilities who are institutionalized or supported in facilities.

2. P&A will achieve positive outcomes through systemic advocacy and monitoring of disability services.

3. P&A will provide training to clients and staff in institutions and facilities, resulting in increased knowledge or understanding of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and disability-rights issues.

4. People who are institutionalized and able to live in the community will receive the disability-related supports necessary to meet their needs in less restrictive settings in the community.

B. Justice
GOAL: The disability-related rights of people with disabilities will be protected and enforced.

1. P&A will achieve positive outcomes for people with disabilities who have been discriminated against on the basis of disability in employment.

2. P&A will eliminate barriers to employment of people with disabilities.

3. People with disabilities who are involved, or who are at risk of becoming involved, in the criminal justice system will have the necessary supports and services to meet their disability-related needs.

4. P&A will achieve positive outcomes for students with disabilities who are being denied the right to education in the least restrictive environment, needed behavioral supports, or where denial results in health or safety concerns, or will impact a substantial number of students with disabilities.

5. People with disabilities will have equal access to the voting process.

6. P&A will enforce the rights of people with disabilities when denied eligibility, access, or coverage to Medicaid, Medicare, Veterans’ benefits, private insurance, or other responsible entities/organizations for disability-related healthcare.

C. Inclusion
GOAL: More people with disabilities will have access to quality services appropriate to their needs in the community.
1. People who are at risk of institutionalization will receive the disability-related supports necessary to remain in their community.

2. P&A will investigate complaints of suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation and in 80% of the cases will achieve positive outcomes for people with disabilities who reside in the community.

3. P&A will provide training to clients and staff in the community, resulting in increased knowledge or understanding of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and disability-rights issues.

4. People with disabilities will have physical access to an increased number of public or commercial sites in the community.

D. Community Partnerships & Collaboration

GOAL: Collaboration between people with disabilities and community partners will result in systemic change to service delivery systems and rights of people with disabilities.

1. In partnership with others, P&A will provide training to people with disabilities, family members and the general public regarding P&A’s services and priorities, disability-related issues, the legislative process, and communicating with policy-makers to empower people to become effective advocates on disability-related issues.

2. P&A, in collaboration with advisory councils, self-advocates, other advocacy organization, and stakeholders, will achieve system changes by informing policy-makers about the potential impact of legislation, policies, regulations, and rules, on people with disabilities and their families.