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WEEKLY UPDATE: February 5, 2018

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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Council is to inform and advise the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Legislature, and the Governor on the diverse issues affecting employment of people with disabilities.

The PaRC 2017 Annual Report and can be found on our webpage or by clicking on the following link <http://www.parac.org/reports/>.

Find Your Local CAC Meeting Dates: Please go to our website www.parac.org and click on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) link to find dates, locations, times, etc. for information on the nearest CAC.

***** PaRC Calendar Year 2018 –Please Mark your Calendars *****

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

PaRC Full Council meetings will be held at the **Harrisburg Hilton** from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM (unless otherwise noted). We will also have parking passes for those who park in the Strawberry Square Parking Garage. Please plan to stay for the entire meeting.

March 7, 2018

May 2, 2018
August 22, 2018
October 24, 2018

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CAC / Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: To be Determined

Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: – To be Determined

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: – Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM

This past year, the PaRC Social Media and Outreach Committee in partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) produced 6 videos, 5 of which are OVR individual and business success stories, as well as a PaRC Recruitment video. We want to thank both the individuals and companies that participated in making these videos and OVR for supporting the project. The PaRC is pleased to present the following 6 videos. Please feel free to share.

[PaRC Recruitment](#)

[PaRC Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

1.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):

In late 2017, APSE's National Board of Directors convened to reflect on our association's work, and to assess our collective future. I am pleased to share this update with the broader APSE community. Focusing on our shared values and confirming our commitment to the view that *everyone* can and should work, we examined the many ways that we can support policymakers, funders, businesses, families, service providers and people with disabilities in advancing Employment First, which is at the core of our common bond. We are pleased to announce the updated Vision, Mission, and Values as a clear reflection of APSE. **Vision** - All people with disabilities have competitive employment in an inclusive workforce. **Mission** - To advance employment equity for people with disabilities. **Values** - We believe that everyone can and should work, and have the dignity of determining their career path. APSE believes in real jobs for real pay for *all* people. The resulting plan, which we will share in the coming weeks, outlines our ambitious and aspirational plans for bringing Employment First to new places and people in the coming five years. Specifically, APSE will: Build Employment First capacity; Lead in Employment First policy; Ensure each state has a strong chapter; Invest in infrastructure, and; Work to build reciprocal business relationships. We embrace Employment First and we are renewed in our commitment to that! It will take each and every one of us to achieve our goals.

This is only one of the reasons we should keep our eyes on transportation in our State.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/01/27/581055275/no-car-no-care-medicaid-transport-program-faces-cuts-in-some-states>

2.) Linda Williams (PaRC Support Staff):

Pennsylvania Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program 2018 Community of Practice Webinar Series -- The Basics of Workforce Development: Best Practices in Recruiting, Hiring, Training and Retaining Staff -- February 6, 2017 -- 2:00 - 3:30 pm --

In this webinar, the first in the three part Employment Workforce series, you will hear from three Subject Matter Experts (SME's) about the best practices in creating a high performing workforce to meet your organizational goals related to Employment First. In the second of the three part Employment Workforce series, the discussion will continue on creating high performing work teams and the final webinar will discuss how to mentor, supervise and support a decentralized workforce. Please submit any questions that you would like answered as to these topics to Devon Grant at dgrant@pa.gov

prior to the webinars and we will be sure to cover those questions. Please register for the PA EFSLMP Community of Practice Webinar Series at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4189428861712912386>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. **Participants only need to register one time** and they will be registered for all of the webinars in the series and will receive reminders regarding upcoming sessions. Recordings of past webinars and related resources can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Emp1st>.

3.) DisabilityScoop.com:

How Inclusion Became One of the Most Popular Classes at School –
<https://www.nchpad.org/Individuals~Caregivers/trend/710>

Following Delta’s Lead, United Tightening Animal Policy –

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2018/02/01/united-joins-delta-in-tightening-rules-for-comfort-animals.html>

4.) Policy Information Exchange (PIE):

PIE Info: Community HealthChoices and MATP -- Community HealthChoices and the Medical Assistance Transportation Program. With the rollout of Community HealthChoices (CHC), we want to clarify the utilization of the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) for CHC participants. CHC participants will continue to use MATP for non-emergency medical transportation. The exception to this is for participants in nursing facilities. The nursing facilities will continue to coordinate transportation for nursing facility residents. The CHC managed care organizations (MCOs) will be responsible for providing non-medical transportation for their eligible participants. All three MCOs will be contracting with a broker to provide these services. For more information on CHC, please go to www.HealthChoices.pa.gov or submit questions electronically to RA-PWCHC@pa.gov.

PIE Info: MLTSS Subcommittee Meeting -- February 7, 2018

Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Subcommittee Meeting --

If you wish to participate in the Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Subcommittee meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**, in the Honor’s Suite at 333 Market Street Tower in Harrisburg, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and cannot attend in person, we are offering webinar and dial in capabilities. Public comments will be taken during presentations instead of just being heard at the end of the meeting. However, there will be an additional 15 minute period at the end of the meeting for any additional public comments. The Department of Human Services, Office of Long-Term Living is using technology similar to that used at Third Thursday webinars for MLTSS Subcommittee meetings. This technology allows individuals to

participate in the webinar and listen in through computer speakers instead of participating by webinar and dial in. Dial in will still be available if you do not participate by webinar, but the number is no longer toll free. To participate in the meeting via webinar, please register by clicking on the link below. We encourage those participating by webinar to register early. When registering, please verify that you entered your email address correctly. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar if you registered correctly.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/720177204214705153>. **The dial in number is:** 1-914-614-3221 Access Code: 267-951-629. If you have any questions about registering for the webinar or require a toll-free number to dial in, please contact the Office of Long-Term Living at RA-PWCHC@pa.gov. For questions regarding this email, call 717-857-3280.

5.) Mathematica’s Center for Studying Disability Policy: Breaking Down Work Barriers for People with Disabilities – Opportunities for Employers – March 1, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (ET) – Live Webinar -- [Register for the webinar.](#)

6.) LEAD Center:

[Information Brief: Improving Employment Outcomes with ABLE Accounts](#) -- The purpose of the policy brief is to help people with disabilities, their families, government agencies and departments, and all other ABLE stakeholders to understand how having an ABLE account can help account owners gain employment and improve their overall financial stability. This information brief summarizes the policy brief and provides additional resources.

[Information Brief: Customized Employment and Guided Group Discovery](#) -- LEAD Center recently released comprehensive Guided Group Discovery materials, designed to enable youth and adults with disabilities and others to find a job that is a good fit, and benefits an employer who values and needs the talents they have to offer. This Customized Employment and Guided Group Discovery Information Brief provides a summary of the process and how to access the materials.

[Employment and Economic Advancement Resource Map](#) -- This guide has been prepared in an effort to identify national initiatives that can support individuals as they take steps toward establishing financial stability. If you already have a trusted source to identify local providers, this guide will add to what you already know. If you don’t have a resource expert in this area, this guide is a place to start.

7.) The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research:

Youth and Parents Share Ideas for Supporting Healthy Lifestyles for Youth with Disabilities -- Young people with disabilities and parents discuss some of the barriers to engaging in healthy lifestyles, and suggest ways to improve access to community facilities and programs in this week's [Research In Focus](#)

Webinar: ADA Live! Small Business and the ADA -- The NIDILRR-funded [Southeast ADA Regional Center](#) will host the 53rd episode of ADA Live!, [Small Business and the ADA](#), February 7th, 1-1:30pm ET. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires businesses to make reasonable accommodations for qualified employees with disabilities under Title I of the ADA; however, Title I only applies to businesses that have more than 15 employees. Title III of the ADA requires businesses, regardless of the number of employees, to make the goods and services they offer to the general public also available to customers and clients with disabilities. Presenters will discuss concerns small businesses have in accommodating their employees, how advocates can support small businesses in making their facilities accessible, and future challenges small business may meet, including website accessibility and the aging workforce. Registration is free and required.

The PaRC is looking for a candidate to fill a veteran with a disability opening. Any interested candidates, please go to our website at www.parac.org and fill out an application. Thank You.

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