

# **PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)**

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE: June 25, 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](http://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.

**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: – Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM

### **Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call**

Next Call: To be Determined.

### **OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call**

Next Call: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM

### **Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call**

Next Call: To be Determined.

### **Transition & Education**

Next Call: – To be Determined.

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](#)  
[PaRC Herr Foods Inc](#) [PaRC Assistive Technology](#)

**PaRC COUNCIL OPENINGS:** Effective July 2018, the PaRC will be looking for candidates to fill the following openings: A veteran with a disability, a Mental Health representative and a Community Rehabilitation Provider representative. If interested please go to our website ([www.parac.org](http://www.parac.org)) and fill out an application. Thank you.

### **1.) Policy Information Exchange:**

**PIE Info: REV UP Election Accessibility Toolkit** -- This **Election Accessibility Toolkit** is a tool to assist disability advocacy organizations and individual advocates when working with voters and election officials. It also includes information on troubleshooting problems encountered on Election Day, reporting barriers, and additional resources. If you have any questions, please contact [programs@aapd.com](mailto:programs@aapd.com). [Access the REV UP Election Accessibility Toolkit](#).

### **2.) Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN):**

**EARN at SHRM** -- Earlier this week, SHRM was pleased to bring its experience and insight into disability inclusion at the 2018 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conference and Exposition in Chicago. At the event, EARN joined forces with other Office of Disability Employment Policy-funded technical assistance centers, including the Job Accommodation Network and Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology, to answer questions and listen to SHRM members discuss their successes and challenges related to disability and employment at their companies. [Learn about SHRM's disability initiatives](#).

**Intelligence Community Recruitment Summit** -- Last week, EARN was pleased to speak at the Intelligence Community Recruitment Summit in Bethesda, Maryland, an annual event focused on hiring skilled, diverse individuals for the nation's intelligence agencies. EARN National Project Director Brett Sheats and Consultant Derek Shields joined Michael Murray and Akinyemi Banjo from the Office of Disability Employment Policy to present on creating a welcoming environment for employees with disabilities, as well as facilitate two breakout sessions, one on recruitment and the other on career advancement. [Learn more about disability inclusion in the Federal Government](#)

### **3.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):**

**Governor Wolf's Employment First Policy to Help People with Disabilities Find Work Becomes Law** -- Governor Tom Wolf today (06-19-18) signed House Bill 1641, codifying the Employment First policy that the governor established by executive order in March 2016 to increase competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Following the governor's [Executive Order 2016-03](#), entitled Establishing 'Employment First', which helped to develop HB 1641, [released recommendations](#) in September 2016. In support of the Employment First initiative, 20 Pennsylvania college students with disabilities are participating in a [12-week paid internship](#) with the Wolf Administration this summer. The interns are working in positions at state agencies related to their academic backgrounds and gaining experience in their field of study and building connections with potential employers. [View online](#)

#### **4.) Cindy Duch (PaRC Council Member):**

Pennsylvania Needs to Do More to Prepare Students with Disabilities for Employment -- <https://www.pubintl.org/cases-and-projects/analysis-pennsylvania-needs-to-do-more-to-prepare-students-with-disabilities-for-employment/>

#### **5.) Julia Blackwell (PaRC Council Member):**

SB 1037 (Civil Service reform) passed the house unanimously 195-0 and is headed to the Governor's desk.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2017&sInd=0&body=S&type=B&bn=1037>

#### **6.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:**

[Postsecondary Institutions and Students With Disabilities](#)

#### **7.) Disabled-World.com:**

- [Automated Insulin Delivery and Monitoring System for Younger Pediatric Patients Approved by FDA](#)
- [Youth with Disabilities Resolve to Affirm Their Identity](#)
- [USICD Releases New White Paper on CRPD Monitoring](#)
- [IDEA and the Current State of IEPs](#)
- [World's Largest Autism Grant Will Transform ASD Research](#)

#### **8.) National Center on Deaf-Blindness:**

Upcoming Webinars --

[Individualized Instruction in the Expanded Core Curriculum: An Introduction to Student Portfolios and Project-Based Learning](#) July 18

#### **9.) National Disability Institute (Real Economic Input):**

7.10.2018 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM -- [Money and Benefits: Why Financial Empowerment Is Critical to Work](#)

#### **10.) National Federation of the Blind:**

Plug and Play Braille Display? Not Today, But Soon They Say -- Check out this [blog post](#) about a new standard for Braille display drivers that could help Braille displays and computers "speak to one another."

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