

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: August 27, 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.

October 24, 2018

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: Tentatively – Monday, October 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: – To be Determined

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: Tentatively – To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: – Tentatively - Thursday, November 8, 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](#)
[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, a Business or Industry Representative and a Community Rehabilitation Provider representative. If interested, please go to our website (<http://parac.org/contact.html>) and fill out an application. Thank you.

1.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Who Should Pick Up the Tab for Postsecondary Programs? Disability advocates want federal education officials to clear up what they say is misleading information keeping students with intellectual disabilities from attending postsecondary programs. [Read More >](#)

More Americans Have Disabilities, Survey Finds – One in 4 Americans lives with some type of disability, according to new federal data. [Read More >](#)

2.) Passle Helminski (PaRC Council Member):

U.S. Access Board Webinar: Federal Facilities and the ABA

Accessibility Standards (September 6) -- In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), the U.S. Access Board will conduct a webinar on the law and the accessibility standards that are used to enforce it on September 6 from 2:30 - 4:00 (ET). Visit www.accessibilityonline.org for more information or to register. In addition, the public is welcome to join the Board for a [celebration](#) of the ABA on September 7 from 1:30 - 3:30 (ET) at its conference space. The event will feature Judith Heumann, Senior Fellow at the Ford Foundation, and other guest speakers, including representatives from federal agencies that issue accessibility standards under the ABA. The Board will also unveil an exhibit on the ABA and the first accessibility standards in the U.S. The event will be [streamed](#) live online. A complimentary reception will immediately follow.

College of Employment Services Webinar: (ACRE) Basic Employment Certificate Overview

-- Due to the joint efforts of the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), the College of Employment Supports (CES) Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators (ACRE) Basic Employment Certification Course became available to providers of employment and prevocational services in April of 2018. This course consists of two parts, 11 self-directed online modules and a CES ACRE Supplement. The supplement portion of the curriculum consists of 4 instructor-led webinars, case studies, and field assignments that are reviewed and approved by an instructor from the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI). In order to obtain the complete ACRE Basic Certificate of Achievement, participants must complete both Part 1 and Part 2 of the CES Certified Training. To answer questions from learners and provide clearer information about this useful resource for employment, a webinar titled ACRE Basic Employment Certification Course Certification Overview is being conducted on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. To register, please visit the College of Employment Services Registration web page. Event number: 742 900 315. If you have additional questions about CES or the webinar, please contact PACES. See ODP Communication Number 079-18 for further information about this announcement or submit any questions via email.

3.) Center for Studying Disability Policies-Mathematica Policy Research:

Cone, Allen. "[CDC: 1 in 4 Adults Have a Disability That Impacts Daily Life.](#)" UPI.

Davidson, Joe. "[VA Required Thousands of 'Unwarranted Reexaminations' for Vets Getting Disability Benefits](#). *The Washington Post*.

4.) Policy Information Exchange:

Governor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Listening Forum - August 29, 2018, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

-- The GAC will hold a free listening forum on August 29, 2018 to hear what topics individuals with disabilities, their families, and advocates want to be addressed. The listening forum will enable stakeholders to have their concerns and issues heard and presented to policy and decision makers in state government. The listening forum will be held by conference call on August 29, 2018, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. To join the call, please register at

https://pattaneast.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7_va5W3wRXq-s0x7SnXKEQ. If you wish to speak, please provide your name and the telephone number from which you will be calling to Lisa Anastasi at

lanastasi@pa.gov or 717-787-2600 no later than August 27, 2018. Each speaker will be given five minutes to present their comments. Remote Captioning will be available at:

<https://2020archive.1capapp.com/event/gac/>. You will only have to click on the link - no log in needed. If you have any questions, please contact Devon Grant at 717-783-4287 or dgrant@pa.gov. The next regular GAC meeting will be 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Friday, September 7, 2016, at the Department of Education's Heritage Room, [333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA](#). This meeting will focus on Strategic Planning.

5.) American Association on Health and Disability:

How States Address Social Determinants of Health in their Medicaid Contracts

-- August 13 National Academy for State Health Policy guide -- [Learn more here](#).

How Community Health Providers Are Coping with Funding Shortfalls

-- August 17 Commonwealth Fund blog -- [Learn more here](#).

An Overview of Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports

-- August 10 HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation (ASPE) May report -- [Learn more here](#).

6.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network:

[Embracing Accessibility in the Whole Organization](#) -- August 30, 2018

[ADA Update Conference](#) -- September 4, 2018 to September 6, 2018

[Legal Brief: Revisiting Disability-Related-Inquiries and Medical Examinations Under Title I of the ADA](#)

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