

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: September 24, 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: – Tuesday, September 25, 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, October 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: 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: The PaRC is looking for candidates to fill the following openings: A veteran with a disability, a Mental Health representative, a Business or Industry Representative, Intellectual Disability Representative and a Community Rehabilitation Provider representative. If interested please go to our website (www.parac.org) and fill out an application.

1.) National Rehabilitation Association:

Valuable toolkit Available: "State Strategies to Assist Employees with Mental Health and Substance Use Issues Stay At Work/Return To Work" -- In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor's State Exchange on Employment and Disability, Women In Government has released a toolkit on strategies states can implement to help employees with

mental health and substance use disorders stay at or return to work. Employees experiencing mental health and/or substance use issues are not new phenomena. However, contemporary emphasis on opioid/substance use intervention coupled with bottom-line effects of untreated disorders have mobilized legislators, treatment providers, and employers to develop innovative programs to keep workers working. These programs allow workers to remain employed as taxpaying members of the community, reducing the number of individuals who receive disability benefits by supporting recovery and economic independence for these individuals.

[*Read the "State Strategies to Assist Employees with Mental Health and Substance Use Issues Stay At Work/Return To Work" toolkit](#)

2.) Cheryl Novak – OVR Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist: Commonwealth Technical Institute (CTI) at Hiram G. Andrews Center – 15th Annual 2018 Career & Transition Fair -

October 17, 2018 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM; October 18, 2018 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM & October 19, 2018 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Offering quality, individualized, postsecondary education. CTI's programs are designed to meet the needs of students in transition from high school into postsecondary education and beyond! A cafeteria lunch will be available at the cost of \$7.00. **For information call 800-762-4211, ext. 0402 or 814-254-0402.** Please see the 2018 Career Fair Poster below for information.



2018 Career Fair
Poster.pdf

3.) American Association of People with Disabilities:

[REV UP Webinar: Breaking Barriers to Voting](#) -- *October 18, 2018 | 1pm ET* -- Join this collaborative webinar hosted by the DOnetwork and the REV UP Campaign to learn more about barriers to voting. The webinar will explore polling place accessibility, poll worker training, how to navigate voting barriers, vote by mail accessibility, and knowing your rights as a disabled voter. Participants will also have a chance to ask questions. Webinar presenters include Disability Rights DC, Protection & Advocacy for People with Disabilities (South Carolina), Disability Rights Oregon, and Disability Rights Iowa.

[AAPD Voting Resource: 2018 REV UP Campaign Issues Guide](#) -- AAPD is pleased to present the REV UP Issues Guide for the 2018 Elections. The Guide provides a comprehensive, yet concise overview of the issues, legislation, and regulations that have a significant impact on the disability community. The Guide is meant to serve as a tool for voters, advocates, candidates, and the media to be better informed on the issues that matter to people with disabilities.

[Apply for the 2019 AAPD Summer Internship Program](#) -- AAPD connects students with disabilities and recent graduates to internships, mentors, and professional development opportunities in Washington, DC. We also provided each participant with a living stipend in addition to covering the cost of accessible summer housing and travel to/from DC. **Applications are due by November 5, 2018.**

[AAPD Career Center](#) -- The AAPD Career Center (jobs.aapd.com) is a premier source for people with disabilities to search and land professional careers with leading employers. The AAPD Career Center will attract the world's leading companies and universities to find qualified and diverse candidates. The new AAPD Career Center makes it easier than ever to find the right opportunities for you.

4.) Center for Independent Living of Central PA:

It Is All About Your Hearing...Informative session on hearing health & hearing resources! October 19, 2018 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Center for Independent Living of Central PA - 207 House Avenue, Suite 107, Camp Hill, PA 17011. No cost to attend. Deadline to RSVP and/or request an accommodation is October 12, 2018. Space is limited! Contact Sharon Behun at sbehun@cilcp.org or at 717-731-1900 extension 224.

Accommodations provided upon request.

Informational Meeting with PA Health & Wellness -- PA Health & Wellness (PHW) is one of three Managed Care Companies in Pennsylvania. In January 2019, it will begin in Southeast PA and the remainder of the state on January 1, 2020. Anna Keith, PHW, Vice President of Community Relations & Marketing, is joining us for this discussion! It will be an interactive session between Anna and attendees. Bring your questions! The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. October 15, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Center for Independent Living of Central PA - 207 House Avenue, Suite 107, Camp Hill, PA 17011 in the CILCP large conference room. If you cannot join us at the CILCP, then you may participate in the discussion by going to one of the alternate sites. The site will connect to the CILCP using ZOOM software. **Alternate Sites:** Liberty Resources, Inc. - www.libertyresources.org; Center for Independent Living of North Central PA - www.cilncp.org; Transitional Paths to Independent Living - www.trpil.com. **The deadline to RSVP and/or request an accommodation is**

October 4, 2018 - Contact Dawn Marron, CILCP, Community Advocate/I&R, at 717-731-1900 extension 253 or at dmarron@cilcp.org

5.) Mathematica Research Policy:

CSDP Webinar: New Insights into Disability Beneficiaries' Pursuit of Work -- On **October 17, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., (ET)**, Mathematica's

[Center for Studying Disability Policy](#) will host a webinar focused on new research on the work activity of beneficiaries with disabilities. Our speakers will discuss the following: The impacts of the Great Recession on SSI and SSDI beneficiaries having their cash benefits suspended or terminated for work; Changes in the characteristics and work activities of SSI and SSDI beneficiaries from 2005 to 2015; The likelihood that working SSDI beneficiaries receive overpayments and the extent to which overpayments affect beneficiaries' work activity. [Register for the webinar.](#)

Kirka, Danica. "[Talking Gloves, Tactile Windows: New Tech Helps the Disabled.](#)"

Menno, Christian. "[Program a Success for People with Disabilities, Mentors.](#)"

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

Working Women with Disabilities Share Strategies for Countering Stereotypes in the Workplace -- In this week's [Research In Focus](#), working women with disabilities share their experiences with disclosure, workplace accommodations, and the need to "go the extra mile" to counter stereotypes in the workplace.

7.) DisabilityScoop.com:

Trump Administration "Rethinking" Special Ed – The nation's top special education official is setting a new agenda for the U.S. Department of Education as it works to address the needs of students with disabilities.

[Read More >](#)

Justice Department Urged to Address Web Accessibility – Citing growing litigation, a group of senators is calling on the U.S. Department of Justice to weigh in on how the Americans with Disabilities Act applies online.

[Read More >](#)

8.) Policy Information Exchange:

PIE Info: PADES 2018: Registration -- The Office of Long-Term Living (OLTTL) announces that registration is open for the Pennsylvania Disability Employment and Empowerment Summit (PADES) 2018 to be held on October 31 and November 1 at the Hilton Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA. PADES 2018 will be bigger, better, and more valuable than ever before! If you are a student or a person with a disability seeking employment, an individual who works with students or people with disabilities seeking employment, or an employer dedicated to inclusion, PADES is for you. Visit the PADES website at <http://pades-summit.org/>.

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