

PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)

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WEEKLY UPDATE: November 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 2019 –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 6, 2019

May 1, 2019

August 21, 2019

October 23, 2019

PaRC Member Committee Conference Calls – Please Mark your Calendars

CareerLink/WIOA

Next Call: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Executive Committee Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Legislative and Public Awareness Conference Call

Next Call: Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM

OVR Policy and State Plan Committee / Customer Satisfaction Conference Call

Next Call: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Social Media/Outreach Committee Conference Call

Next Call: To be Determined

Transition & Education

Next Call: Thursday, January 24, 2019 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.) Disabled-World:

Lighthouse Guild Scholarships for Legally Blind High School Seniors and Graduate Students - Lighthouse Guild annual scholarships for students with vision loss to aid in a successful transition to college and graduate school to further their education

Medicare Recipients Can Be Denied Supplemental Medigap Coverage Due to Pre-Existing Conditions - Senior Citizens League warns elderly considering dropping Medicare Advantage plan for traditional Medicare and supplemental Medigap policy to get counseling before canceling health plan.

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

Factsheet on Disability Rights Laws for Public Primary and Secondary Education - The NIDILRR-funded [Southwest ADA Regional Center](#) has published a new factsheet, [Disability Rights Laws for Public Primary and Secondary Education](#). The factsheet explains the general obligations that public elementary and secondary schools have toward students with disabilities and discusses how Federal legislation such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) affect the rights of students with disabilities. The factsheet also briefly touches upon bullying, nonacademic services, enforcement, and discrimination, and provides resources for parents and educators.

3.) LEAD Center:

Career Pathways Community of Practice Meeting

Resources That Help Expand Opportunities for Career Pathways:

"Freshman Year for Free" -- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 3:00 -

4:00 PM ET -- One of the barriers to Competitive Integrated Employment for individuals with disabilities is access to, and success in, the Post-Secondary environment. Lack of funding, the need to balance education and a job, transportation concerns and many other issues make participation in post-secondary education or career-related training -- which would open opportunities for a more financially self-sustaining career -- a challenge that many face. Modern States is the New York-based charitable organization behind the effort. Modern States has funded production of online courses taught by college professors. The courses prepare students for introductory College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams in Economics, Sociology, Algebra and other areas. Join us for an online presentation and discussion on December 11 to hear more about this initiative, which has been dubbed "Freshman Year for Free." David Vise, Executive Director of Modern States Education Alliance, will share the history and concept behind the initiative, discuss which classes taught by top quality college professors are available, and how to enroll and participate. David also will answer questions on how to make this type of continuing education a part of a plan, providing forward

momentum on a higher education pathway. To register for the meeting on **December 11, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Eastern**, go to **<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/4860873ddb8f9294ac87b605f06faf5>**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email that contains information about how to join. For questions or additional information, please contact Nikki Powis at **npowis@ndi-inc.org**. This event will be captioned and presentation materials are available upon request. For additional accommodation requests, please contact Shannon Edam at **sedam@ndi-inc.org**

4.) National Council on Disability:

[Federal advisory body's new report series focuses on charter schools and school choice vouchers](#)

5.) National Disability Rights Network:

[WIOA and Transition: Making It Work For Students With Disabilities](#) -- Wed Dec 12 @ 3:00PM - 04:30PM

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