

# **PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION COUNCIL (PaRC)**

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE: December 31, 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 2018 Annual Report and can be found on our webpage or by clicking on the following link**

<http://parac.org/reports/2018AnnualReport.pdf>

**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 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: – To be Determined

### **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

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 Dream Partnership](#)

[PaRC Herr Foods Inc.](#)

[PaRC Aha Moment](#)

[PaRC Keystone Blind Association](#)

[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, and an Intellectual Disability Representative. If interested please go to our website ([www.parac.org](http://www.parac.org)) and fill out an application.

## **1.) National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research:**

**EPM RRTC Research Cited in UN Report** -- Research from the NIDILRR-funded [Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employment Policy and Measurement \(EPM RRTC\)](#) is cited in [Realization of the Sustainable Development Goals by, for, and with Persons with Disabilities](#) (PDF), the United Nations flagship report on disability and development for 2018. The report cites an EPM RRTC study found that working age persons with disabilities are more likely to be poor than those without disabilities, no matter what measure of poverty is used. The first two sustainable development goals are ending poverty and ending hunger for all persons with disabilities.

**Public Comment Period for Healthy People 2030** -- The [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) is accepting [comments on the objectives for Healthy People 2030](#), an initiative that assists HHS in setting its and the nation's public health agenda. Healthy People 2030 will have core, developmental, and research objectives. The public may comment on [individual core objectives](#) (PDF). The public may also comment on the set of developmental and research objectives for each topic. Comments may be submitted through the website or to [HP2030@hhs.gov](mailto:HP2030@hhs.gov). The public comment period is open until January 17th, 2019.

## **2.) American Association of People with Disabilities:**

**[The Future of 5G: Empowering people with disabilities](#)** - Henry Claypool, AAPD Technology Policy Consultant, explains the enormous possibilities for the disabled community with the advent of 5G.

**[Resource for Job Seekers with Disabilities - AAPD Career Center](#)** - The AAPD Career Center ([jobs.aapd.com](http://jobs.aapd.com)) is a premier source for people with disabilities to search for and land professional careers with leading employers. The AAPD Career Center attracts 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 - get started today by uploading your resume and browsing recent listings.

**[The Disability Collection](#)** - Earlier this month, in honor of the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities, The Disability Collection published it's first stock of photos. The Disability Collection is a library of photography that authentically portrays disability in everyday life. The images were curated in partnership with the National Disability Leadership Alliance, Oath, and GettyImages. AAPD is a member of the National Disability Leadership Alliance.

**[A Hidden Market: The Purchasing Power of Working-Age Adults With Disabilities](#)** - The total after-tax disposable income for working-age people

with disabilities is about \$490 billion, which is similar to that of other significant market segments, such as African Americans (\$501 billion) and Hispanics (\$582 billion).

**[American Nightmare: How workers with disabilities are denied economic prosperity](#)** - "Our nation's commitment to end discrimination against people with disabilities must include ending the payment of subminimum wages, otherwise it is nothing more than a hollow platitude."

### **3.) Americans with Disabilities Act National Network: Upcoming Events**

[ADA Live! The Movement 4 Improvement: 4 Wheel City](#)

January 2, 2019

[2018 Year in Review](#)

January 8, 2019

[Accommodating Students with Disabilities Enrolled in Medical and Health Science Programs](#)

January 15, 2019

### **4.) Employer Assistance & Resource Network on Disability Inclusion:**

**Webinar | December 20, 2018 - 1 PM EST -- [EARN Webinar: Spread the Word: Communicating Your Organization's Commitment to Disability Inclusion](#)** -- This webinar, hosted by the Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN), will explore strategies organizations can use to effectively communicate a commitment to disability inclusion,...[read more](#)

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