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Agenda

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
2018 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT
March 25 - 27, 2018

Hilton Old Town Alexandria
1767 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast
Grand Ballroom Foyer

9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Greg Mason, 2018 President, National Rehabilitation Association

9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. The Implications of Federal Policy on the Employment of People with Disabilities: A Legislative Review. Dr. Fredric K. Schroeder, Executive Director, National Rehabilitation Association

10:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. Break

10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Concurrent Session 1: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP): The Need for Stable Funding
Grand Ballroom

Presenter: (TBA)

In December, 2017, Congress appropriated \$2.85 billion to fund the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through March, 2018 - far short of the five-year authorization needed to stabilize the program. Together, CHIP and Medicaid cover half of all children with special health care needs. CHIP programs, supported through Medicaid expansion, cover screening, diagnostic, and treatment services, including health and developmental services, speech and language therapy, hearing tests and, in most states, hearing aids.

10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. Concurrent Session 2: The Community Integration Act: Why it is Important for People with Disabilities

Madison Room

Presenter: (TBA)

The Disability Integration Act (DIA) is civil rights legislation designed to correct the fundamental injustice of forcing people who need Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) into institutions. The DIA (S. 910 and H. R. 2472) will end the bias toward institutionalization and provide seniors and people with disabilities the option of home and community-based services (HCBS).

11:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M. Buffet Luncheon

12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M. Keynote Address: Vision 2020 – CSAVR and the Public Rehabilitation Program of the Future

Mr. Steve Wooderson, CEO, Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (Invited)

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Preparing for Our Day on the Hill – Basics of Advocacy and Review of 2018 Issue Statements

The basics of Legislative Advocacy

Review of Issue Statements: The Congress should ...

- Reject the ADA Education and Reform Act, H. R. 620
- Authorize funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program for a full five-year period.
- Pass the Disability Integration Act
- Approve the resolution of ratification for the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled

3:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. Break

3:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. Concurrent Session 3: ADA and Civil Rights: What will The Withdrawal of DOJ’s ADA Policy Guidance Mean for People with Disabilities?

Grand Ballroom

Ms. Alison Barkoff, Esq., Director of Advocacy, Center for Public Representation (Invited)

On December 21, 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) rescinded its “Statement on Application of the Integration Mandate of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and *Olmstead v. L.C.* to State and local Governments’ Employment Service Systems for Individuals with Disabilities.” The statement described the obligations of states to administer their employment services for people with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate and reflected established law in this area. As the DOJ notes, the withdrawal “does not change the legal responsibilities of State and local governments under title II of the ADA, as reflected in the ADA, its implementing regulations, and other binding legal requirements and judicial precedent, including the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Olmstead* decision.” Still, the withdrawal of the statement sends a confusing message to public entities and employment service providers about what is necessary to comply with the ADA’s integration mandate with respect to employment services.

3:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. Concurrent Session 4: The Marrakesh Book Treaty for the Blind: How it Supports the Employment of Blind Adults

Madison Room

Mr. John Pare, Executive Director for Policy and Advocacy, National Federation of the Blind (Invited)

Today, fewer than 5% of published works are available in accessible formats for blind and visually impaired individuals. The Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled allows countries to share accessible books. This will help avoid the duplication of transcription efforts in different countries and allow those with larger collections of accessible books to share their materials with visually impaired people in countries with fewer resources. The United States Senate must take action to ratify the treaty to enable the greatest possible access to materials in special formats for the blind.

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. NRA President's Reception: Presentation of NRA's Lead-On Awards
Mr. Greg Mason, 2018 President, National Rehabilitation Association
Grand Ballroom Foyer

Monday, March 26, 2018

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast
Grand Ballroom Foyer

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):
A Four-Year Progress Report
Ms. Carol Dobak, J.D., Acting Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration (invited)

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. NCD's Examination of the Early Implementation of WIOA's Pre
Employment Transition Services by VR Agencies and RSA
Ms. Deb Cotter, Executive Director, National Council on Disability (Invited)

11:00 A.M. – 12 P.M. The Hill Perspective
Presenters: (Congressional Staff TBA)

12 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. Lunch on Your Own

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. Employment Rights of Individuals with Disabilities
Mr. Christopher J. Kuczynski, J.D., LL.M., Acting Associate Legal Counsel and Assistant Legal
Counsel, ADA/GINA Policy Division, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

2:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. Break

2:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Concurrent Session 5 – H. R. 620, The ADA Education and Reform Act:
What does it mean for the Civil Rights of People with Disabilities?

Grand Ballroom

Ms. Eve Hill, J.D., Former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil
Rights Division (2011-2017) (Invited)

H. R. 620, The ADA Education and Reform Act, prohibits civil actions based on the failure to
remove an architectural barrier to an existing public accommodation unless: (1) the individual
with a disability who experienced the lack of access has provided the owners written notice

sufficiently specific to identify the barrier, and (2) the owners fail to provide the person with a disability a written description outlining actions that will be made to remove the barrier. H. R. 620 unfairly burdens the individual with a disability. The notice of an access violation must specify: (1) the address of the property, (2) the specific ADA sections alleged to have been violated, (3) whether a request for assistance in removing an architectural barrier was made, and (4) whether the barrier was permanent or temporary.

2:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Concurrent Session 6 – The Air Carrier Access Act: Negotiated Regulations

Madison Room

Mr. Kelly Buckland, Executive Director, National Council on Independent Living (Invited)
The Air Carrier Access Act of 1986 (ACAA) prohibits commercial airlines from discriminating against passengers with disabilities. In spite of its over thirty year history, basic services continue to be denied to people with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Justice is managing a negotiated rulemaking with representatives of the airline industry and people with disabilities to improve access as required by the Act.

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Preparing for Your Day on the Hill – Mock Presentations

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast
Conference Foyer

Depart for Capitol Hill

Lunch (On Your Own)

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Debrief on Hill Visits and Next Steps
Hilton Old Town Alexandria (Room TBA)

5:00 P.M. Adjourn 2018 Summit