

PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION QUARTERLY MEETING

The Alloy, King of Prussia
301 West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406

September 12, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT: To assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- 10:00 - 10:55** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**, Bill Trusky, Executive Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Labor & Industry
- Introduction of Board Members
 - **ACTION:** Approval of September 12, 2024 Agenda
 - **ACTION:** Approval of Minutes, June 6, 2024
 - **ACTION:** Introductory discussion on Order of Selection (OOS) and Approval to research process as necessary for FFY2025
- 10:55 – 11:05** **Executive Director’s Remarks**, Ryan Hyde, Executive Director, OVR
- 11:05 – 11:20** **State Board Task Force Committee Update**, Michael Kiel, Board Member

STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

- 11:20 – 11:30** **PA Rehabilitation Council**, William Paz De Melo, Council Chair
- 11:30 – 11:40** **Statewide Independent Living Council**, Matt Seeley, Director of SILC & Jeff Iseman, Public Policy & Outreach Coordinator
- 11:40 – 11:50** **Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**, Melissa Hawkins, Director of ODHH
- 11:50 – 12:00** **Client Assistance Program**, Steve Pennington, Director of CAP & Andrew Pennington, Deputy Director of CAP
- 12:00 – 1:00** **LUNCH**

BUREAU DIRECTOR REPORTS

- 1:00 – 1:15** **Bureau Director Report Follow-Up**, Jill Moriconi, HGAC Director; Marci Katona, BVRS Director; Dawn Sokol, BBVS Director; Denise Verchimak, BCO Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1:05 – 1:15** **Financial Needs Test (FNT) Policy Revision Update**, Audrey O’Connor, VR Specialist
- 1:15 – 1:45** **Pre-Employment Transition Services Priority Planning Update**, Kim Robinson, Transition Services Division Chief
- 1:45 - 2:15** **MY WORK Success – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. & OVR Philadelphia/Norristown Partnership**, Chanel Summers, Program

Lead, OVR Philadelphia, YAP; Cheri Cornell and Jaydyn Thurmond, Delaware County, YAP; Shari Brightful, Philadelphia District Administrator; Shanae Stallworth, Norristown District Administrator; Additional OVR Management

2:15– 2:45 Youth Advocate Program Highlights, Krista Sloan, VR Specialist; Kathy Walton, Riverview Intermediate Unit 6; Kylee Diaz and Jen Jones-Baur, Colonial Intermediate Unit 20

2:45 – 3:00 Public Comment

3:00 ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: December 19, 2024, in Harrisburg, PA