

PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass

Camp Hill, PA 17011

March 7, 2024

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

10:00 - 10:35 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**, Nancy Walker, Secretary, Dept. of Labor & Industry

- Introduction of Board Members
- **ACTION:** Approval of Agenda
- **ACTION:** Approval of Minutes, **December 7, 2023**
- **ACTION:** Approval of December 2024 meeting date & location
- **ACTION:** OVR Presentation and Approval of Waiving Financial Needs Tests (FNT) for Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB)

10:35 - 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**, Paul Fogle, Chair

11:30 - 11:40 **Statewide Independent Living Council**, Jeff Iseman, Public Policy & Outreach Coordinator

11:40 - 11:50 **Office for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**, Melissa Hawkins, Director

11:50 - 12:00 **Client Assistance Program**, Steve Pennington, Director

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

1:15 - 1:20 **Audiological Services Policy Update**, Russ Goddard, VR Specialist

1:20 - 1:25 **Technical Clarification - Drivers and Vehicle Services Policy**, Danielle Schmidgall, VR Specialist

1:25 - 1:45 **Program Highlights from Business Services & Outreach Division**, Dana McKinney, Division Chief

- 1:45 - 2:15 Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Grants,** Dana Barone, VR Specialist
Supervisor
Hillary Hubbell, VR Specialist, Mara Wolfe, VR Specialist
- 2:15– 2:35 Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) Updates,** Kristen Ahrens,
ODP Deputy Secretary
- 2:45 – 3:00 Public Comment**
- 3:00 ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING: June 6, 2024, in Erie, PA