



National Council on Disability Regional "Earning" Forum

Detroit, Michigan

October 25 – 27, 2010

Monday, October 25

Welcome / Introductions

9:00 – 9:15 AM

NCD Welcome

Linda Wetters, Acting Chair, NCD

9:15 – 9:30 AM

Michigan Welcome

Michigan's "No Worker Left Behind"

*Andy Levin, Acting Director, Michigan Department of Energy,
Labor, and Economic Growth*

Midwest Challenges and Opportunities

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Panel Presentation

*Bill Erickson, Research Specialist, Employment and Disability
Institute, Cornell University*

*Rahnee Patrick, Director of Independent Living, Access Living,
Chicago, IL*

The Biggest Challenge and Opportunity (Town Hall)

10:15 – 11:00 AM

Open conversation that asks all participants – What *is* the biggest challenge to and the biggest opportunity for securing and improving employment outcomes for people with disabilities in the region?

Moderators:

- *Sara Gelser, Council Member, NCD*
- *Karen Flippo, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist,
Institute for Community Inclusion (and Forum Facilitator)*

Monday, October 25 (continued)

Vocational Rehabilitation / One-Stop System

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Creative Partnerships in Michigan Geared toward Enhanced Employment Earnings and Outcomes

Moderator: *Jaye N. Porter, Bureau Director, Michigan Rehabilitation Services*

Independent Living Panel:

Lou Adams, Deputy Bureau Director Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Cecily Cagle, Chair, Michigan Rehabilitation Council (MRC)

James Magyar, M.A., President & CEO, Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living

Small Business Panel:

James Bunton, Division Director, Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Leamon Jones, Consumer Services Director, Michigan Commission for the Blind

Ann Bratsburg, MCB Small Business Owner and Customer

Jim Lewis, Business Owner and MRS Customer

Shannon McVoy, Counselor, Michigan Commission for the Blind

Richard Weir, M.B.A., Manager, MicroEnterprise Works Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

BREAK, PICK UP LUNCHES

12:15 – 1:00 PM

Integrating VR Services into the One-Stops

Kim Peck, Director, Rehabilitation Services, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Kathy Sweeney, Strategic Projects Director for the Workforce Development Division, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

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1:00 – 1:30 PM

Future Strategic Directions

Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration

Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor – Employment & Training Administration (Chicago, IL)

1:30 – 2:00 PM

Discussion / Question & Answer

Moderator: *Carol Jean Reynolds, Council Member, NCD*

How Does Health Care Reform Factor into the Conversation?

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Panel Presentation

Henry Claypool, Director, Office on Disability, U.S. Health and Human Services (via video teleconference)

Lee Perselay, Disability Counsel, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Discussion / Question & Answer

Moderator: *Barbara Kornblau, Professor, School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan - Flint*

Private Employer Perspectives

3:30 – 4:15 PM

Panel Presentation

Jill Houghton, Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)

Merrill Friedman, AVP, Advocacy & National Partnerships, Amerigroup Corporation

4:15 – 5:00 PM

Discussion / Question & Answer

Moderator: *Joe Pak, Council Member, NCD*

5:00 – 5:15 PM

Wrap Up, Preview of Tomorrow

Tuesday, October 26

9:00 – 9:15 AM **Welcome, Morning Announcements**

Linda Wetters, Acting Chair, NCD

DD / ID Populations and Employment

9:15 – 10:00 AM **Promoting Community-based Employment in Wisconsin**

Charlene Dwyer, Administrator Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

John Reiser, Director, Office for Independence and Employment; Director, Pathways on Independence Initiative

Lisa Mills, Consultant, WI Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Employment and Long-Term Care Initiative

Carole Stuebe, Executive Director, Portal, Inc.

10:00 – 10:45 AM **Ohio VR / DD – Partnering for Employment**

Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations, Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

John Martin, Director, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Michael Rench, Administrator, Ohio Rehabilitation Services

10:45 – 11:30 AM **Federal Partners Panel**

Sharon Lewis, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education

Effie George, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Discussion / Question & Answer**

Moderator: *Ari Ne'eman, Council Member, NCD*

12:00 – 12:30 PM **BREAK, PICK UP LUNCHES**

Tuesday, October 26 *(continued)*

Federal Focus on Employment

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Panel Presentation

Gerald B. Bacon, Assistant Director for Rehabilitation Services, Veterans Rehabilitation and Employment Service, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Lynnae Ruttledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education

Marie Strahan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor

Bob Williams, Senior Advisor to the Ticket to Work Program, Social Security Administration

1:30 – 2:00 PM

Discussion / Question & Answer

Moderator: *Sharon Lewis, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities*

Asset Development / Economic Security

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Panel Presentation

Tom Foley, Deputy Director / Access to Assets Program Director, World Institute on Disability

Jackie Wilks-Weathers, Executive Director, The Center for Financial Independence and Innovation

Patti Lind, Executive Director, The Abilities Fund

2:45 – 3:15 PM

Discussion / Question & Answer

Moderator: *Gary Blumenthal, Council Member, NCD*

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Small Group Discussions

3:15 – 3:30 PM

Explanation of World Café style Conversations

Karen Flippo, Forum Facilitator

Break, Move, Settle into World Café Locations

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Small Group Discussions (World Café format)

These discussions are designed to elicit quality feedback from three questions in three rounds. Questions are progressive and build upon each other.

Discussions by State

4:30 – 4:45 PM

Reconfigure in Rounds, by State

4:45 – 5:45 PM

Discussions by State, Facilitated

5:45 PM

Adjourn from State Discussions

Wednesday, October 27

Do Systems Change and How?

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Presentation

Karen Flippo, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Institute for Community Inclusion (& Forum Facilitator)

Karen presents on the “scorecards” for full employment

Wednesday, October 27 (continued)

Do Systems Change and How? (continued)

10:00 – 11:00 AM **Facilitated Discussions amongst State Delegations**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Facilitated Discussions with Karen (in plenary)**

12:00 – 12:15 PM **Wrap-Up, Adjourn**
