

Western States Policy Meeting: Barriers to Employment for People with Disabilities

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Meeting Agenda

Sunday June 2, 2019

6-7:30 p.m. La Paloma Country Club	Welcome Reception
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Monday June 3, 2019

7:45-9 a.m. Cottonwood	Welcome Breakfast, Introductions and Meeting Overview Laura Tobler, National Conference of State Legislatures, Colorado Katia Albanese, State Exchange on Disability and Employment Jennifer Longdon, State Representatives, Arizona
9-9:30 a.m. Palo Verde	General Session: Disability Employment Overview Suzanne Hultin, NCSL, Colorado Michael Reardon, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.
9:30-10:20 a.m. Palo Verde	General Session: Inclusive State Hiring Practices Dina Klimkina, Council of State Governments, Kentucky Derek Shields, Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion, Washington, D.C. John Pavao, State Division of Human Resources, Montana
10:20-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:15 a.m. Palo Verde	General Session: Inclusive Work-based Learning Programs Iris Hentze, NCSL, Colorado Daniel Bustillo, Healthcare Career Advancement Program, New York
11:15 – 11:25 a.m. Palo Verde	State Team Time Overview

11:25 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	First State Team Time
12:15-1:30 p.m. Cottonwood	Lunch and General Session: Disability Employment Part 1 – How We Got Here Suzanne Hultin, NCSL, Colorado Bobby Silverstein, Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville PC, Washington, D.C.
1:30-1:40 p.m.	Break
1:40-2:10 p.m. Palo Verde	General Session: Disability Employment Part 2 – What the Future Holds Josh Cunningham, NCSL, Colorado Dr. Aaron Bangor, Governor’s Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities, Texas
2:10-3:10 p.m. Palo Verde	General Session: Getting to Work – Accessible Transportation Jim Reed, NCSL, Colorado Carol Tyson, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund, Washington, D.C. Robert Spendlove, State Representative, Utah
3:10-3:20 p.m.	Snack Break
3:20-5 p.m.	Second Team Time
	Dinner on Your Own

Tuesday June 4, 2019

7:45-9:15 a.m. Cottonwood	Breakfast and General Session: Keeping Injured and Ill Workers in the Workforce Josh Cunningham, NCSL, Colorado Leslie Dawson, Department of Rehabilitation Services, Alabama Debbie Plotnick, Mental Health America, Virginia
9:15-10:45 a.m.	Final Team Time
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Break/Hotel Checkout
11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Palo Verde	Action Plan Report Out, Next Steps and Lunch Katia Albanese, State Exchange on Employment and Disability, Washington, D.C. Luke Martel, NCSL, Colorado
1:15 p.m.	Bus departs from hotel to the airport