Agenda

State of California

Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

BLIND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Thursday, February 10, 2022

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Chris Fendrick, Chair

The Chair will welcome attendees, conduct a roll call, establish a quorum, and introduce DOR staff and members of the public.

1. Approval of BAC Meeting Minutes and Review of the Action Items

Chris Fendrick, Chair

The Chair will lead the Committee in the approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting and a review of the action items.

Public comment

1. Committee Members Network Updates

BAC Members will report on matters of interest in their networks and communities.

Public comment

1. Updates to the California Assistive Technologies, Services, and

Devices (Cal-ATSD) Supplier Directory

David Kwan, Assistant Deputy Director, Financial Management Branch

Zach Munday, Chief, Contracts and Procurement Section (C&PS)

Members will receive updates to the BAC recommendations and DOR responses to the Cal-ATSD.

Public comment

1. Updates to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Taskforce

Recommendations

Peter Dawson, Acting Deputy Director, SSD

Michael Thomas, Assistant Deputy Director, SSD

Committee members will receive updates to DOR’s responses to the taskforce’s recommendations.

Public comment

1. Report from Specialized Services Division (SSD)

Peter Dawson, Acting Deputy Director, SSD

Michael Thomas, Assistant Deputy Director, SSD

Members will receive an update on programs and services in SSD and will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input

Public comment

Lunch

1. Presentation by the Directorate

Joe Xavier, Director, DOR

Andi Mudryk, Chief Deputy Director, DOR

BAC members will receive a report from the Directorate on organizational, state, and federal issues of interest to the BAC. BAC members will have an opportunity to ask questions and have an interactive dialogue.

Public comment

1. Status Report on Vocational Rehabilitation Connections (VRC)

Conan Petrie, Staff Service Manager III, Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Division (VRED)

Russell Schutte, Information Technology Specialist I, Information Technology Services Division (ITSD)

Members will learn about the enhanced service delivery through use of the VR Coonections Portal.

Public comment

1. Updates from the Community Rehabilitation Division (CRD)

Jessica Grove, Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation Support Branch (VRSB)

Janelle Tisher, Resource Specialist, Community Resource Development Section (CRDS)

Members will receive an update on services to blind consumers including Adult Work Experience

Public comment

1. Proposed Form Revisions and Upcoming Application

Regulations Package and Student Services Regulations Package

Nancy Wentling, Staff Services Manager I, Program Policy Section, Elizabeth Colegrove, Staff Attorney III, DOR Office of Legal Affairs and Regulations, Daisy Hughes, Attorney IV, DOR Office of Legal Affairs and Regulations

BAC members will learn about the proposed revisions to form DR222 Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Application and form DR22A supplemental Personal Information and the upcoming application regulations package.

Public comment

1. Open Forum

BAC Members and members of the public will have the opportunity to address items of interest to be included on the next agenda.

Public comment

1. Adjourn

The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 PM.

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