Agenda

State of California

Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

BLIND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Meeting Location:

721 Capitol Mall, room 169

Sacramento, CA 95814

Thursday, May 12, 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 **February 10, 2022 BAC 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. Older Individuals Who are Blind (OIB) Program Updates

Jay Harris, OIB Program Manager

Members will receive an update on the OIB program, the OIB grant cycle and recommended expenditure of available “carry over” funds.

Public comment

1. Demand Side Employer Initiative (DSEI) Grant Update

Sue Pelbath, Orientation Center for the Blind (OCB) Administrator and new DSEI Grant Lead

Sue Pelbath will give an update on the grant’s progress.

Public comment

 Break

1. Report from Specialized Services Division (SSD)

Peter Dawson, Regional Director, Blind Field Services (BFS),

Michael Thomas, Assistant Deputy Director, SSD, Laura Rasmussen, BFS District Administrator (DA), Kelly Snow, BEP Manager, Sue Pelbath, OCB Administrator

Members will receive updates on BFS, BEP, and OCB.

Public comment

Lunch

1. Presentation by the Director

Joe Xavier, Director, DOR

BAC members will receive a report from the Director 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. The Intersection of Retention Plans and Order of Selection

Jessica Grove, Deputy Director Vocational Rehabilitation Policy and Resource Division **(VRPRD)**

Jessica Grove will provide an overview of the related policy landscape for consideration and future discussion due to fiscal challenges of VR agencies.

Public comment

Break

1. Changes to Post-Employment Services

 Laura Rasmussen, BFS, DA

Laura Rasmussen will review recent changes from the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) on Post Employment Services and the related implications to BFS consumers.

Public comment

1. Cal-ATSD Updates

Zach Mundy, Chief, Contracts and Procurement

Members will receive an update on DOR’s progress to BAC recommendations and DOR’s responses.

Public Comment

1. Title IX Updates

Peter Dawson, Regional Director, BFS

Peter Dawson will provide an update on BAC recommendations and DOR responses to Sexual Misconduct issues.

Public comment

1. BAC Discussion on DOR’s Responses to Allegations of Sexual

Misconduct

BAC Sexual Misconduct Taskforce

The Taskforce will lead a discussion on DOR’s responses to items 4 through 8 which had not been completed in the February 2022 BAC meeting.

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 for the meeting scheduled for August 11, 2022.

1. Adjourn

The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 PM.

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