

**COUNCIL OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS
OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

2017

**SPRING CONFERENCE
In Partnership with GW CRCE**

**BETHESDA HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
One Bethesda Metro Center
7400 Wisconsin Avenue
BETHESDA, MARYLAND**

APRIL 1-5, 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM _____ Cabinet/Judiciary
NATIONAL COALITION OF STATE REHABILITATION COUNCILS (NCSRC)**

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM _____ Old Georgetown
NEW STATE DIRECTOR TRAINING**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM _____ Cabinet/Judiciary
NATIONAL COALITION OF STATE REHABILITATION COUNCILS (NCSRC)**

**9:00 AM -12:00 PM _____ Old Georgetown
NEW STATE DIRECTOR TRAINING**

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Lunch on your own

**1:30 PM – 4:30 PM _____ Old Georgetown
State Director Forum**

**4:00 PM – 6:00 PM _____ Meeting Room Foyer
Conference Materials/Name Tags Available
(No On-Site Registration)**

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM _____ Old Georgetown
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
Conference Materials/Name Tags Available
(No On-Site Registration)

Regency Ballroom Foyer

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Regency Ballroom

Presiding: Steve Wooderson
Chief Executive Officer (CEO), CSAVR

Welcome: Lisa Hinson-Hatz, President CSAVR
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM State Director, New Hampshire Combined

Pamela Downing-Hosten, State Director,
Rehabilitation Services Administration, District of Columbia

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM Introduction of New State Directors and
Washington Update, Steve Wooderson, CEO, CSAVR

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM State Exchange On Employment and Disability (SEED)

“SEED is a collaborative of state intermediary organizations working together to help state legislators ensure their state policies facilitate increased employment of people with disabilities. Specifically, SEED aims to ensure state-level legislation critical to employment—such as transportation and technology—is disability inclusive. To this end, SEED equips state legislators with timely data, sample policy language and technical assistance.”

Presiding: Kathy West Evans, Director of Business Relations, CSAVR

Presenting: Jennifer Sheehy, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

Kyle Ingram, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

William (Bill) Frank, Deputy Secretary of Disabilities
Maryland Department of Disabilities

Buddy Hoskinson, State Director, Kentucky General

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Coffee Reception
to Honor New State Directors

Regency Ballroom Foyer

**10:00 AM–11:00 AM VISION 2020
SECOND GENERAL SESSION**

Regency Ballroom

**Presiding: Lisa Hinson-Hatz
President, CSAVR
State Director, New Hampshire Combined**

**Presenting: Steve Wooderson, CEO, CSAVR
Curt Decker, Executive Director, National Disability Rights Network
Kelly Buckland, Executive Director, National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
Michael Gamel-McCormick, Disability Policy Director for Senator Bob Casey
Bill East, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)**

Questions and Answers

**11:10 AM – 12:30 PM
THIRD GENERAL SESSION**

Regency Ballroom

BRIEFING ON THE MONITORING PROTOCOL

Presiding: John Connelly, Director, Grants and Research, CSAVR

**Presenting: Ruth Ryder, Delegated the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Ed Anthony, Acting Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)
Carol Dobak, Director, State Monitoring and Program Improvement Division, RSA
David Steele, Chief, Fiscal Unit, RSA**

**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM – Lunch on your own or at Regional Meetings
REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Region I –	No Meeting
Region II –	TBD
Region III –	Diplomat/Ambassador
Region IV –	TBD
Region V –	No Meeting
Region VI –	TBD

Region VII -	No Meeting
Region VIII –	No Meeting
Region IX –	Old Georgetown
Region X -	Pines of Rome 4709 Hampden Lane, Bethesda

1:50 PM – 3:00 PM Regency Ballroom
FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

“NET/VR Business Partnerships – Bringing Talent to America’s Workplace”

Presiding: Joe Xavier, State Director, California Combined
Co-Chair CSAVR Employment Committee

Introduction of Business Partners:
Kathy West-Evans, Director of Business Relations, CSAVR

Presenting: Jessica Rafuse, NGO Program Manager, Accessibility, Microsoft
Blake Konrady, Employment Services Manager, PROVAIL

3:15 PM – 5:45 PM
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Severn/Susquehanna
Presiding: Alice Hunnicutt, State Director, New Jersey General, Chair	
Employment	Old Georgetown
Presiding: Joe Xavier, California Combined, Co-Chair Suzanne Howell, Co-Chair, Michigan General	
Human Resource Development	Embassy
Presiding: Allison Flanagan, State Director, Kentucky Blind, Chair Carol Pankow, Minnesota Blind	
Management Services	Ambassador/Diplomat
Presiding: Kim Peck, State Director, Minnesota General, Co – Chair Betsy Hopkins, State Director, Maine General, Co-Chair	
Rehabilitation Research	Chairman Boardroom
Presiding: John Connelly, CSAVR	
Social Security Relationships	Congressional
Presiding: Trina Lee, State Director, Oregon General Darin Brush, State Director, Utah Combined	
Transition	Cabinet/Judiciary
Presiding: Andrea Guest, Delaware General, Chair	
Veterans	Potomac
Presiding: Alan McClain, Chair, Arkansas General	

5:50 PM – 6:20 PM Congressional
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
To Clear Committee Action Items for the Full Council

Presiding: Lisa Hinson-Hatz
President, CSAVR
State Director, New Hampshire Combined

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
RECEPTION AT THE BETHESDA HYATT

Regency Ballroom

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

**CSAVR'S BUSINESS AWARDS BREAKFAST AND DAY ON THE HILL
FOR LEGISLATIVE VISITS**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SENATE DIRKSEN OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 106

Presiding: Steve Wooderson, CEO, CSAVR

Lisa Hinson-Hatz, President CSAVR,
State Director, New Hampshire Combined

Invited Guests: Members of Congress and staff members from the Authorizing Committees/Subcommittees responsible for the reauthorization and funding of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, including Title IV, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended

9:00 AM Kimberly Knackstedt, Disability Policy Advisor
Committee on Education and the Workforce, Democratic staff,

9:15 AM Brad Thomas, Senior Education Policy Advisor
Committee on Education and the Workforce, Republican Staff,

9:30 AM or 10:00 AM
Senator Orin Hatch (R) Utah
Congresswoman Margaret Wood Hassan (D) New Hampshire - invited
Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D) Delaware - invited

NET Business Partner of the Year Award

1:00 PM– 5:00 PM State Congressional Visits

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

Hyatt Regency Bethesda

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Cost Reimbursement Training**

Cabinet/Judiciary

**8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
VR Attorney Network and Hearing Officer Training**

Old Georgetown

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

**7:30 AM – 8:45 AM
Continental Breakfast**

Regency Ballroom Foyer

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: SSA REIMBURSEMENT TRAINING CONTINUED

**8:45 AM – 10:00 AM
CSAVR BUSINESS MEETING**

Regency Ballroom

**Presiding: Lisa Hinson-Hatz
President, CSAVR
State Director, New Hampshire Combined**

**Treasurer's Report: Russ Cusack
Secretary-Treasurer, CSAVR
State Director, North Dakota Combined**

Election of Officers

Report from NCSAB: Lea Dias, President, NCSAB

Reports of Committee Chairs

- 1. Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Reporting: Alice Hunnicutt, Chair**
- 2. Employment
Reporting: Joe Xavier, Co-Chair
Suzanne Howell, Co-Chair**
- 3. Human Resource Development
Reporting: Allison Flanagan, Co-Chair
Carol Pankow, Co-Chair**
- 4. Management Services**

**Reporting: Kim Peck, Co-Chair
Betsy Hopkins, Co-Chair**

**5. Rehabilitation Research
Reporting: Jim Marks, Chair,**

**6. Social Security Relationships
Reporting: Trina Lee, Co-Chair
Darin Brush, Co-Chair**

**7. Transition
Reporting: Andrea Guest, Chair**

**8. Veterans
Reporting: Alan McClain, Chair**

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM Break

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
FIFTH GENERAL SESSION**

Regency Ballroom

"Section 511 Implementation: Making a Sharp Left Turn at High Speed"

Presiding: Russ Cusack, State Director, North Dakota Combined

Presenting –

Kim Peck, State Director, Minnesota General

Tamir Tsogbaatar, Merchandise Specialist, Best Buy, Apple Valley, MN

Ron Szelag, General Manager, Best Buy #245, Apple Valley, MN

Steve Ditschler, President & CEO, ProAct, Inc.

Abbie Wells-Herzog, Autism Specialist, Minnesota General

Margie Webb, VR Counselor, Minnesota General

12:00 PM – CONFERENCE ADJOURNS