

Draft Agenda

Job Driven Strategies for Serving Individuals Who Are Blind/Visually Impaired:

A Forum for Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies
San Antonio, TX; June 14-15, 2018

Thursday June 14

8:30 Welcome and introductions; review of agenda and objectives for the forum

9:00 Panel 1: Collaborative Implementation of the WIOA

Keri Osterhouse, Iowa Blind: Integrated Resource Team and training videos for one-stop partners

Meredith Hardin, Washington Blind: One-Stop Center and other

WIOA Partners

Dorothy Young, Mississippi Blind, and **Lavonda Hart**, Mississippi General: Data System shared with General agency

9:55 Discussion

10:35 Break

10:50 Panel 2: Youth Focused Initiatives

Rebecca Bates, South Carolina Blind: Summer Teen program, Student Internships

Carol Jenkins, Nebraska Blind: Initiatives for Students and Youth with Disabilities

Shirley Robinson, Georgia:

TBD, Kentucky:

Joe Strechay, Pennsylvania:

11:45 Lunch

1:15 Discussion

1:55 Panel 3: Access to Training/Career Pathways

Cindy Roberts, Virginia: State's Career Pathways Grant

TBD, Kentucky: Experience with State's Career Pathways Grant

Shirley Robinson, Georgia:

Morgan Rincon or Molly James, Oregon Blind: Partnership with community college at OCB training center

2:50 Break

3:05 Discussion

3:45 Large group discussion about recommendations to the field on Topics 1, 2, and 3

4:30 Adjourn

Friday June 15

8:30 Welcome, reactions to Day 1, review of remaining agenda

8:45 Topic 4: Panel on Use of Labor Market Information

Mary Burgard, Connecticut Blind:

Rebecca Bates, South Carolina Blind: Building the Capacity to Use

TCI+

Jeff Hughes, WINTAC: How VR Counselors are Using TCI+ Nationally

9:40 Discussion

10:25 Break

10:40 Topic 5: Panel on Collaborative Business Engagement

Cindy Roberts, Virginia Blind: Collaborative Business Services

Greg Trapp, New Mexico Blind: Getting at the table with businesses

TBA, Oregon Blind: Co-location with AJC; collaboration with WA

Blind and WA

General Agencies

Joey Buizon, Massachusetts Blind: Work with business community in partnership with Perkins and Carroll Center

Joe Strechay, Pennsylvania OVR

11:35 Discussion

12:00 Large group discussion about recommendations to the field on 4 and 5

12:30 Adjourn