



NYS Disability Services Council Fall Meeting November 5-7, 2008

Agenda

Wednesday, November 5

- 12:00-1:15 PM Executive and Planning Board Meeting (Hudson View 423 - 4th floor)
- 1:30-2:45 Joe Frey, Associate Commissioner, New York State Education Department (Terrace)
Impact of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; Q&A
- 2:45-4:15 Concurrent Sessions:
(A) Disability 101: New Provider Training (Terrace) - (novice)
Kathy Hoffman, Erie CC; Bruce Pomeroy, Broome CC
The basics for the beginner: IDEA, 504, ADA, getting started, policies and procedures development.
(B) "I have a student who . . .", the ever-popular discussion session about issues you bring (Vassar Room 430 - 4th floor) - novice/experienced/expert
- 4:15-4:45 Transportation to the CIA for Tours
- 5:00-6:00 Tours of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA)
Tours begin at 5:00. Cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door. Transportation will be arranged for those who need it.
- 6:00-8:00 Networking dinner for all at the St. Andrew's Café, Culinary Institute of America
Menu details will be announced. Cost is included in registration fee.

Thursday, November 6

- 8:00-9:00 AM Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 Ally Building With People With Disabilities (all)
Nancy Belowich-Negron, Director, Disability Resource Center, U Albany
Based on the principles and skills of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI), this promises to be an empowering and revealing workshop for everyone. It is an experiential workshop that asks participants to take a look at the oppression of people with disabilities and how it affects us all. Participants will look at the information and misinformation that keeps us from being more powerful allies to each other.
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:30-3:30 PM Technology Drop-In Stations: Hands-On/Demonstrations (Dutchess Room)
- 10:45-12:00 Ally Building With People With Disabilities, continued
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch
- 1:30-3:15 How OCR Addresses Academic Accommodations at the Post-Secondary Education Level and Other Information You Should Know (all)
Miriam Nunberg, Esq., Staff Attorney, Office for Civil Rights,
U.S. Department of Education, New York City
- 3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00 Sector Conversations
5:00-7:00 Technology Drop-In Stations: Hands-On/Demonstrations (Dutchess Room)
Dinner on your own.

Friday, November 7

8:30-9:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Business Meeting
9:30-11:30 Technology Drop-In Stations: Hands-On / Demonstrations (Dutchess Room)
9:45-11:15 Concurrent Sessions:
(A) The CUNY Leads Project: A VESID/CUNY Collaboration (all)
Speakers: Dean Chris Rosa, CUNY Office of Student Affairs; Roberta Adelman, Project Director; Barbara Bookman, Director of Program Relations/Training; Merrill D. Parra, Director of Disability and Veteran Services, Lehman College
The CUNY LEADS (Linking Employment, Academics & Disability Services) is a comprehensive collaborative program between the City University of New York and VESID. The charge of this three year project is to provide students with disabilities the skills to make academic and career choices that eventually result in successful employment outcomes.
(B) Building Relationships & Developing Disability Policy on Campus (novice/experienced)
Jamin Totino, Coordinator, Disability Services, Skidmore College
In this presentation we will discuss methods for identifying constituent offices, building relationships, and establishing policy and procedures that serve students and support compliance; explore methods for widening the discussion about disabilities and compliance issues without expanding your job responsibilities; examine who needs to be involved in building a strong disability services office and how to develop partnerships; and discuss the construction of internal and interdepartmental policies and procedures.
11:30-12:30 Lunch/Sector Meetings
12:30-1:30 Committee Meetings
1:30-2:30 Board Meeting

Hotel Accommodations

[The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center](#)

40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-485-5300

Hotel reservations must be made by the end of the day Sunday, October 5, 2008, to receive the guaranteed rate of \$106.00 for a standard room, single or double. *Reservations made after October 5th will be subject to availability and pricing at the time of reservation.*

Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel directly. Please ask for the "New York State Disability Services Council." Reservations will require a credit card to guarantee the room. Rooms must be cancelled by 4 pm day of arrival with no penalty. Check-in time is 4:00 PM. Checkout is 12:00 noon.

Hotel guests are provided a complimentary full breakfast, free wireless internet access, refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker.

The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel & Conference Center is location halfway between New York City and Albany and is accessible by planes, trains and automobiles (and buses, too).

- Stewart International Airport Connecting the Hudson Valley to the world at the crossroads of I-87 & I-84 in Newburgh, just twenty miles from the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel & Conference Center. Transportation to the Hotel is provided by All Transportation Network. For more information or to make reservations please call 845-564-7200
- Dutchess County Airport New Hackensack Rd., Wappingers Falls is located 8 miles from the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel & Conference Center. 845-463-6000
- Amtrak Stops at the Poughkeepsie station, about a half mile from the hotel. 800-872-7245
- Metro-North Railroad Hudson Line: Poughkeepsie, New Hamburg, Beacon.
Harlem Line: Wassaic, Tenmile River, Dover Plains, Harlem Valley-Wingdale, Appalachian Trail, Pawling. 800/METRO-INFO. In NYC, 212/532-4900.

There is a free hotel shuttle from the Amtrak and Metro stops. Call the hotel at 845-485-5300 when you arrive at the station.

- For directions by car, see the hotel web site: <http://www.pokgrand.com/directions/>