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Social Security Disability: Time for Reform
A Social Security Advisory Board Forum
Reserve Officer’s Association on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
March 8, 2013 – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

8:30 am – 9:00 am  Registration  (Continental Breakfast will be served.)

9:00 am – 9:15 am  Welcome and Remarks
Dorcas R. Hardy - Member, Social Security Advisory Board

9:15 am – 10:15 am  The Urgency of Reforming SSDI
Moderator: Jagadeesh Gokhale - Member, Social Security Advisory Board

Financial Outlook of SSDI/SSI Programs
Stephen Goss – Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration

Factors Driving the Financial Outlook
Mark Duggan – Professor and Chair, Department of Business Economics & Public Policy, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania

The Effect of SSDI on Employment and Earnings
Nicole Maestas – Director, RAND Center for Disability Research

Questions/Answers
Break

10:15 am – 11:45 am  Models to Promote Labor Force Attachments
Moderator: Deborah Sullivan - Staff Director, Social Security Advisory Board

Framing the Issues Surrounding SSDI
Andrew Houtenville - Associate Professor of Economics, Research Director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire
International Experience with Disability Reform
Mary Daly - Group Vice President and Associate Director of Research, Microeconomic Research, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Gleanings from Welfare Reform and Work
Ron Haskins - Co-Director, Center on Children and Families, Budgeting for National Priorities, Brookings Institution

Benefit Offset as a Return-to-Work Model
James Smith – Budget and Policy Manager, Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Discussant:
Henry Claypool – Executive Vice President, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)

Questions/Answers

11:45 am – 12:30 pm  Luncheon Speaker  (Lunch will be served.)

Introduction: Dorcas R. Hardy
Michael Astrue - Former Commissioner, Social Security Administration

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Interventions to Achieve Better Case Outcomes

Moderator: Bernadette Franks-Ongoy – Member, Social Security Advisory Board

The Private Sector Experience: Early Intervention with Case Management
Melissa Davey – Vice President, Social Security and Managed Disability Services, GENEX Services, Inc.

Youth Transition to the World of Work
Andrew Imparato - Senior Counsel and Disability Policy Director at U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

The Individual Perspective: How to Re-Enter the Workforce
Bryon MacDonald – Program Director, Employment and Disability Benefits Initiative, World Institute on Disability

Discussant:
Marsha Rose Katz - Technical Assistance Coordinator, Rural Institute, University of Montana (Former Member, Social Security Advisory Board)
Question/Answers

Break

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Reform Proposals: Toward Fiscal and Structural Balance

Moderator: Pam Mazerski – Mazek & Associates (Consultant, Social Security Advisory Board)

Supporting Work: A Proposal for Modernizing the U.S. Disability Insurance System
David Autor - Professor and Associate Department Head, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Reforming Disability – Secretary’s Innovation Group
Jason Turner – Executive Director, Secretary’s Innovation Group

Fiscal Austerity and the Transition to Twenty-First Century Disability Policy: A Road Map
David Stapleton – Senior Fellow & Director, Center for Studying Disability Policy, Mathematica Policy Research

An Evidence-Based Path to Disability Insurance Reform
Jack Smalligan – Acting Deputy Associate Director of the Education, Income Maintenance and Labor Division at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (Mr. Smalligan’s comments are based on work that he performed (while on sabbatical from OMB) as a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and a research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School. The views he expresses are solely his own.)

Discussant:
Peter Blanck - University Professor & Chairman, Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University

Question/Answers

Break

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm  Open Discussion

Moderators: Pam Mazerski – Deborah Sullivan

Final Remarks
Barbara B. Kennelly – Acting Chair, Social Security Advisory Board