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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