

**Social Security Advisory Board
Minutes
Board Meeting
September 16, 2013**

Location: 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 625
Washington, D.C. 20024

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SSAB Members: Barbara Kennelly, Acting Chair
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy
Jagadeesh Gokhale
Dorcas Hardy

Presenters: **Art Spencer**, Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Programs (ODP)
Gina Clemons, Deputy Associate Commissioner, ODP
Daniel Zabronsky, Modeling Division Director, Office of Quality Performance, (OQP)
Glenn Sklar, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR)
Gerald Ray, Deputy Director of the Office of Appellate Operations, ODAR

SSAB Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
Jackie Chapin
Jeremy Elder
Joel Feinleib
Alec Moore
Sarah Weaver
Lynn Fisher, detailee
David Gamble, detailee

During its September meeting, the Board convened two fact-finding sessions – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. In the morning, the Board met with Art Spencer and Gina Clemons from the Office of Disability Programs (ODP) and Daniel Zabronsky from the Office of Quality Performance (OQP). The primary topic discussed during this session was Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs). Mr. Spencer provided an overview of the CDR process, including the process for setting diary dates based on the potential of medical improvement as well as the medical improvement review standard (MIRS). Mr. Zabronsky discussed the CDR appropriations process, return on investment from processing CDRs, and an overview of the predictive model used to profile individuals for full medical reviews.

In the afternoon, the Board was joined by Glenn Sklar and Gerald Ray from SSA's Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR). Specifically, they discussed ways in which ODAR's Office of Appellate Operations has been using detailed data analysis to help improve the disability decision making process at the hearing and appeals council levels of adjudication at SSA. After capturing

and analyzing actionable data, Mr. Ray reported that his team is able to influence behavior and performance in a positive way by ensuring that judges remain policy compliant during the appeals process.

The Board also met in executive session several times throughout the day to discuss a number of matters such as future Board meetings, current policy reports and issue briefs, and plans for convening a Policy Panel in the near future.

I certify that the minutes written for the September 16, 2013 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Barbara B. Kennelly

Acting Chair
Social Security Advisory Board