Board Meeting Public Agenda  
September 23-24, 2021

Virtual Session

**Day One**

**Public Sessions on State Agencies’ Role in Social Security Disability Determinations**

Register for both the 10 – 11:30 am and the 1:15 – 3:15 pm sessions [here](#).

10 – 11:30 am  **Disability Determination Administrative Regulations**

_The Social Security disability evaluation process involves shared responsibility between SSA and state Disability Determination Services (DDS) agencies. Two former SSA executives will discuss the regulations outlining the roles and responsibilities of SSA and the stage agencies._

**Art Spencer**, former Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Programs, SSA  
**Melissa Spencer**, former Deputy Associate Commissioner, Office of Disability Policy, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, SSA

11:30 am – 1 pm  **Executive Session**

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1:15 – 3:15 pm  DDS Directors in Discussion

Four DDS Directors—representing state agencies of varying sizes and organizational structures and serving populations with different demographic and socioeconomic characteristics—will discuss current challenges in their states and in other state agencies across the country. They will recount their experiences during COVID and discuss topics, such as, claim development, including medical evidence and consultative examinations, as well as workload management, systems technology, and inter-agency communications with SSA.

**Leon Scales**, President, National Council of Disability Determination Directors (NCDDD); Director, Virginia DDS  
**Jacki Russell**, Incoming President, NCDDD; Director, North Carolina DDS  
**Ian Harlow**, Board Member, NCDDD; Director, Pennsylvania DDS  
**Mary Wolfe**, Member, NCDDD; Administrator, Texas DDS

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10 am – 3 pm  Executive Session

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