Public Board Meeting Minutes
September 23 – 24, 2021

Day One

September 23, 2021

Location: Meeting held virtually on Zoom

Time: 10:00 am – 3:15 pm EST

Board Members: Bob Joondeph, Chair
Nancy Altman, Member
Jagadeesh Gokhale, Member
Kim Hildred, Member

Board Staff: Claire Green, Staff Director
Diane Brandt, Research Director
Bethel Dejene, Management Officer
Sunny Bick, Management Analyst
Cheri Cannon, General Counsel
Pamela Crawford, Senior Advisor
Conway Reinders, Lead Policy Analyst
Jenn Rigger, Senior Advisor
Omar Shalabi, Policy Analyst
Emma Tatem, Lead Policy Analyst

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10:00 am – 3:15 pm Public Session on the State Agencies’ Role in Social Security Disability Determinations

10 – 11:30 am Disability Determination Administrative Regulations

The Social Security disability evaluation process involves shared responsibility between the Social Security Administration (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 state agencies.

Participants

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

Bob Joondeph, Chair, Social Security Advisory Board (moderator)

Recorded presentation:
https://vimeo.com/616027635

11:30 – 12:15 pm Executive Session

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

Four DDS Directors, representing state agencies of various sizes, organizational structures serving populations with different demographic and socioeconomic characteristics- will discuss current challenges in their states and state agencies across the country. They will recount their experiences during COVID-19 and discuss claim development, including medical evidence and consultative examinations, workload management, systems technology, and interagency communication with SSA.

Participants

Leon Scales, President, National Council of Disability Determination Directors (NCDDD); Director, Virginia Disability Determination Service Center (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

Bob Joondeph, Chair, Social Security Advisory Board
(moderator)

Recorded presentation: 01:23:37

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Executive Session

I certify the public meeting minutes’ accuracy for the Social Security Advisory Board’s September 23-24, 2021, meeting.

Bob Joondeph

November 19, 2021

Date