



New York State Disability Services Council Fall 2018 Meeting

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday, November 29th, 2018

08:30 to 09:25 am **Registration and Full Breakfast**

09:30 to 09:55 am **Opening Remarks, Catherine Carlson, NYSDSC President**

10:00 to 10:55 am **Reimagining Disability Support, from a Logistical Standpoint**
Christopher Leydon, Coordinator
Office of Student Disability Services
CUNY School of Professional Studies

11:00am to 12:25pm **Updates from the New York State Education Department:**

Kevin Smith, Deputy Commissioner, ACCES-VR;

Leigh Mountain, New York State Education Dept.

Tamara Mariotti, Coordinator of the Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR)

Mohawk Valley Community College, Co-Chair NYSED Advisory Council for SWD in Post-Secondary Education

Learn what is timely and relevant to disability professionals in New York State, *including P-12 Special Education initiatives that effect our students, NYS ACCES-VR updated funding formula, data collection, legislative updates. Come prepared with questions!*

12:30 to 01:25 pm **Lunch**

01:30 – 02:25 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

1.1 Open Networking Activities

Designed to get you up and moving and interacting with one another

1.2 Social Model – How Does that Actually Happen?

Christopher Leydon, Coordinator

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A workshop involving practical suggestions and role playing as to how the Social Model plays out in our offices and on our campuses.

2:30 – 3:25 pm **The Legal Frontier**
Legal information from our colleagues at The Federal Office of Civil Rights explaining what the current focus is, recent decisions that have shaped our policies and procedures, and what to look for on the horizon of legal compliance in higher education support services.

03:30 to 03:40 pm Break

03:45 to 05:15 pm **Sector Meetings**

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Independent

05:30 to 06:30 pm Happy Hour – Chat’s Lounge - New members are encouraged to attend!

Day 2: Friday, November 30th, 2018

08:15 to 09:10 am **One-Day Registrations**
Full Breakfast

09:15 to 09:55 am **NYSDSC Business Meeting**

10:00 to 10:30 am **Reader’s Aid** – What to know for this year and review of any procedural changes.
Raymond Pierce and Donald McManus, NYSED/ACCES-VR Reader’s Aid Representatives

10:35 to 10:45 am Break & Refreshments

10:50 to 11:20 am **Concurrent Sessions**

2.1 The Importance of Advocacy at the Legislative Level

Christopher Rosa, CUNY Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Paula Possenti-Perez, Director, Syracuse University
Merrill Parra, Director of Student Disability Services, Lehman College

Have you thought that the power to make a difference on a state level is not in your league? Think again! Let’s talk about how we project our voices outside the boundaries of our campuses to make a difference for our students.

2.2 Disability Rights New York

The Client Assistance Program provides advocacy and assistance for applicants and recipients of ACCES-VR and NYSCB. Learn how to work with ACCES-VR, for your students and for your college administrative offices.

11:25 – 12:00 pm **Student Disability Services Policy Landscape & Best Practices**
SUNY Offices of University Life, General Counsel, and Compliance

Policy writing is an important aspect of the disability/accessibility services profession. The presenters will provide an introduction to student disability services policies across SUNY and model exemplars across the country. They will share their research on policy standards, common policies, unique policies.

12:05 – 1:00 pm **Policy Creation and Management**

SUNY's Offices of General Counsel and Compliance will share best practices pertaining to quality policy development and risk management. They will answer questions related to: When is Policy needed? When is procedure needed? What should the policy-making process entail?