

Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Disability Employment Subcommittee Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual: [Zoom Link](#)

This is a meeting of the **Disability Employment Subcommittee** of the permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. This subcommittee will collect data and analyze initiatives that increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in private employment and in state government.

Agenda

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions
2. Inspirational Quote provided by Carl Richardson: “Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn’t mean he lacks vision” by Stevie Wonder.
3. The Plan of MA and RI Presentation: “Introduction to Government Benefits and Special Needs Trusts” by Joan McGrath, Executive Director and Kathy Vitello, Director of Operations
4. Review Boston Globe editorial and the Association for Autism and Neurodiversity blog post:
 - [Don't make it impossible for people with disabilities to save money.](#)
 - [Looking Both Ways: Standing at the Intersection of Race & Disability.](#)
5. Debrief on the [National Disability Employment Awareness Month Commission’s panels](#)
6. Review FY24 goals and establish next steps.
 - Update on Action Items from August subcommittee meeting
 1. MA as a Model Employer

2. Supplier Diversity Office

7. Adjournment

Meeting information:

- Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom webinar and live streamed for the public at <https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/567/Hearings>
- Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86274579580>
- Asl and CART interpretation services have been requested.
- CART URL: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=StatehouseADA>
- For accessibility requests and other questions, contact Imene Bouziane Saidi at imene.bouzianesaidi@mass.gov

Meeting Documents (attached and linked)

- [The Plan of MA and RI Presentation](#)
- [Don't make it impossible for people with disabilities to save money.](#) (PDF TBD)
- [Looking Both Ways: Standing at the Intersection of Race & Disability.](#)
- WorkAbility Report Suggestions Trackers
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_4mOrvC9clINJPvqupyCgJXE47yvfnlz/edit#gid=330415400
- The Grid
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_4mOrvC9clINJPvqupyCgJXE47yvfnlz/edit#gid=330415400

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