

MOMENTUM

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

AGENDA

November 30, 2023 • DCU Center Worcester

Registration & Coffee
8:30—9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks
9:30—9:40 a.m.
Toni Wolf, Commissioner

Keynote Speaker
9:40—10:30 a.m.

Keynote Q&A
10:30—10:45 a.m.
Joe Xavier, Director, Department of Rehabilitation, California

**National VR Performance -
A Call to Action: The National Urgency**
10:45—11:15 a.m.
Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)

RSA Q&A
11:15—11:30 a.m.

Stretch Break
11:30—11:40 a.m.

**Disability Innovation Fund (DIF)
Grant Panel Discussion**
11:40 a.m.—12:40 p.m.
Michelle Banks, Strategic Director
NextGen Careers

David Sykes, Director of Operations
NextGen Careers

Sabrina Cunliffe, DIF Grant Program Manager,
Inclusive Career Advancement Program Oregon
Vocational Rehabilitation Department of Human
Services

David Leon, Director of Workforce Programs,
Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative
Services

Kate Kaegi, Pathways to Careers Program
Manager, Virginia Department for Aging and
Rehabilitative Services

Panel Q&A
12:40—12:45 p.m.

Lunch
12:45—1:30 p.m.

The Power of VR
1:30—2:15 p.m.
Lorenzo Brown, Founder, Is-Able Center

**Performance Picture –
What Outcomes and Data Tell Us**
2:15—2:45 p.m.
Jessica Cimini, Director of VR Operations

Graham Porell, Assistant Director, Analytics
and Quality Assurance

Stretch Break
2:45—3:00 p.m.

Break Out Session
3:00—4:00 p.m.

Wrap Up and Closing Remarks
4:10—4:30 p.m.
Joan Phillips, Assistant Commissioner
of VR and Workforce Development