

**Meeting the Nation's Needs or Personal Assistance Services
State of the Science Conference –
National Press Club, Washington, D.C.
April 27, 2007**

- 8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast and Registration**
- 8:30-8:45 Welcome and Purpose of the Meeting**
David Keer, Program Specialist
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)
- D.E.B. Potter, Senior Survey Statistician**
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- 8:45-9:00 Reflections on Personal Assistance Services from a Disability Rights Perspective**
Mike Oxford, Director, Kansas Center for Independent Living and American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today
- 9:00-10:30 Personal Assistance Services: A Public Policy Challenge**
Moderator: Charlene Harrington, Ph.D., Professor and Director, National Center for Personal Assistance Services, University of California San Francisco
- Need and Unmet Need for PAS, Their Consequences, and Costs**
Mitch LaPlante, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of California San Francisco
- Home and Community Based Services: National Trends and Inter-state Variations**
Martin Kitchener, Ph.D., Professor, University of California San Francisco
- Discussants:**
Ollie Cantos, Former Director of Disability Policy, White House and Special Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, US Department of Justice
- Mike Collins, Executive Director, California State Independent Living Council**
- Questions and Discussion**
- 10:30-10:45 Break**
- 10:45-12:00 PAS Research on the Workforce and in the Workplace**
Steve Tingus, Director, NIDRR
Moderator: David Keer, Program Specialist, NIDRR
- Trends in the PAS Workforce: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?**
Steve Kaye, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of California San Francisco
- The ADA and Beyond: Reducing Barriers to PAS at Work**
Lewis Kraus, MPH, MCP, InfoUse, Berkeley, California

Discussants:

Vera Salter, Ph.D., Paraprofessional Health Care Institute, New York

D.J. Hendricks, Ed.D., Job Accommodation Network, West Virginia University

Questions and Discussion

12:00-1:15 Luncheon

Introduction: Bob Kafka, Adapt of Texas and American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today

Justice Delayed: Modernizing PAS Policy in a Challenging Climate

Andrew Imparato, President & CEO

American Association of People with Disabilities

1:15-2:35 Future Research and Policy Directions

Moderator: Ruth Brannon, Director, Division of Research Sciences

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Future Research Directions from the PAS Center

Robert Newcomer, Ph.D., Professor University of California San Francisco

Consumer-Directed Home Care: Washington State and Beyond

Joshua M. Wiener, Ph.D., Senior Fellow and Program Director, Aging, Disability and Long -Term Care, RTI International, Washington, DC

Focusing on the Needs of Vulnerable Working Age Populations With Disabilities

Nancy Miller, Ph.D., University of Maryland Baltimore County

Does Medicaid Home Care Reduce Unmet Need?

Peter Kemper, Ph.D., Professor, Pennsylvania State University

Questions and Discussion

2:35-3:20 Open Forum Discussion

Charlene Harrington, Ph.D., Moderator

Panel: Mitch LaPlante, Ph.D., Martin Kitchener, Ph.D., Steve Kaye, Ph.D.,

Lewis Kraus, MPH, MCP, Robert Newcomer, Ph.D.

3:20-3:30 Closing Remarks

Panel Members and Charlene Harrington, Ph.D.

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