Employment and Training Task Force 2021 Annual Report

I. Task Force Description

The CCD Employment and Training Task Force works on issues relevant to the employment of people with disabilities, particularly issues related to the programs and projects funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The Task Force has also been working with on recent proposals regarding the Social Security Administration's efforts to facilitate the employment of individuals receiving Social Security benefits, and the employment and training programs administered by the Department of Labor.

II. Top 3 Issues the Task Force Worked On in 2021

1. Addressing subminimum wage and other barriers to competitive, integrated employment across the country. Submitted letters to White House, key legislators, and federal agencies.
2. Addressing inclusion of people with disabilities in equity efforts through the Administration's proposed legislation such as the American Jobs Plan
3. Addressing inclusion of people with disabilities in specific workforce legislation including apprenticeships and the federal workforce (OMB, OFCCP, HCBS)

III. Top 3 Issues Identified for 2022

1. Advancing competitive integrated employment (CIE)
2. Second of Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2022: Workforce development in BBB and other initiatives
3. Third of Three Issues the Task Force Anticipates Working on in 2022: Advancing DEI and Access in federal programs and policies

IV. Task Force Meetings

4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM eastern

V. 2021 Co-Chairs

- Alicia Epstein, SourceAmerica
- Philip Pauli, RespectAbility
- Julie Christensen, APSE
- Susan Prokop, Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Dahlia Shaewitz, Institute for Educational Leadership

VI. Task Force Webpage Link

http://www.c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=4