



BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities Conference

Tuesday

November 9, 2004

Empire State Plaza Convention Center

Albany, New York

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New York State Department of Health

Office of Medicaid Management

BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 9th, 2004

8:00-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Introductions

Kathryn L. Kuhmerker, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Medicaid Management, New York State Department of Health

9:15-9:45 Formal Welcome

Speaker to be announced.

9:45-10:45 Keynote Speaker

John Hockenberry, Three-time Peabody Award winner, four-time Emmy award winner,
Dateline NBC correspondent, and award-winning journalist

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:15 Breakout Sessions:

- Benefits Planning for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries: “Where the Medicaid Buy-In Program Fits for Working People with Disabilities” – James Sheldon
- VESID – Frank Coco & Katherine Mario
- MBI-WPD Toolkit – Harvey Rosenthal & Dale Buddah
- Disability Program Navigators – Linda Spears & Kevin Nickerson

12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30 Motivational Speaker

Katinka Neuhof, M.A., The Networking Project for Young People with Disabilities

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:15 Breakout Sessions:

- Balancing Choice, Empowerment and Incentives to Work: “The Success of the Employment Supports Pyramid in the Ticket to Work Act” – Thomas Golden
- SSA Work Incentives – Cheryl Adamec & Edward Lacy
- Employment and People with Disabilities – Susan Dooha
- Navigating New York City Programs – Becky Hasse

4:15 Closing Remarks

Please make sure you visit our exhibition rooms. Exhibitors will be there to share information and answer questions. Exhibitors will be set up all day during the conference and will be available until 5:00.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JOHN HOCKENBERRY

Dateline NBC

Three-time Peabody Award winner, four-time Emmy award winner and *Dateline NBC* correspondent, John Hockenberry has broad experience as a journalist and commentator for more than two decades. He has reported from all over the world, in virtually every medium, having anchored programs for network, cable and radio. Hockenberry was responsible for two of the most innovative programs to air on MSNBC. The program “Hockenberry” was a smart provocative news interview program which broadcast live from the war in Kosovo in 1999, while “Edgewise” was a unique blend of raw documentary filmmaking and interviews with newsmakers passionate about politics and culture.

Hockenberry joined NBC as a correspondent for *Dateline NBC* in January 1996 after a fifteen-year career in broadcast news at both National Public Radio and ABC News. Hockenberry's reporting for *Dateline NBC* earned him three Emmys, an Edward R Murrow award and a Casey Medal. His most prominent *Dateline NBC* reports include an hour-long documentary on the often-fatal tragedy of the medically uninsured, an emotionally gripping portrait of a young schizophrenic trying to live on his own, and extensive reporting in the aftermath of September 11th.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a list of some of the planned workshops:

- *Benefits Planning for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries. Where the Medicaid Buy-In Program Fits for Working People with Disabilities – James Sheldon, Project Director, Western NY Work Incentives & Benefits Advisement*
- *VESID
Kathy Mario, Supervising Rehabilitation Facilities Specialist
Frank Coco, VR Policy and Partnership Specialist
VESID, New York State Education Department*
- *MBI-WPD Toolkit
Harvey Rosenthal, Executive Director
Dale Buddah, Training Collective Director
New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS)*
- *Disability Program Navigators
Linda Spears, Disability Program Navigator, Buffalo Employment & Training Center
Kevin Nickerson, Disability Program Navigator, Tompkins Workforce New York*
- *Balancing Choice, Empowerment and Incentives to Work: The Success of the Employment Supports Pyramid in the Ticket to Work Act
Thomas Golden, Cornell University's Program on Employment and Disability (PED)*
- *SSA Work Incentives
Edward Lacy, Social Security Area Work Incentives Coordinator for Eastern NYS
Cheryl Adamec, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration (SSA)*
- *Employment and People with Disabilities
Susan Dooha, Executive Director of the Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)*
- *Navigating New York City Programs
Becky Hasse, Training and Program Manager, Community Service Society (CSS)*

Pre-Registration is required!

SEE REGISTRATION SHEET

EXHIBITORS

- *Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH)*
- *Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD)*
- *New York State Rehabilitation Association (NYSRA)*
- *Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)*
- *New York State Commission on Quality of Care (CQC)*
- *Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)*
- *Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (APD)*
- *New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYSAPRS)*
- *Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL)*
- *Hands Across Long Island (HALI)*
- *Social Security Administration (SSA)*

REGISTRATION FORM

NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF MEDICAID MANAGEMENT

MEDICAID BUY-IN FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE

NAME: _____ AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

____ Enclosed is my registration of \$40. Make checks payable to:

NYS MBI-WPD CONFERENCE

(Registration includes breakfast, lunch and afternoon refreshments.)

**The late registration fee will be \$55 for checks postmarked after October 15, 2004.
Deadline for registration is October 22, 2004.**

Menu Choice for Lunch: (Please Check One)

____ **Chicken Piccata** – Breast of Chicken Sautéed in Lemon Butter Sauce with Capers, Served with Chef's Choice of Potato or Rice and Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

____ **Roasted Vegetable Napoleon w/Balsamic Sauce** – Portobello Mushroom Marinated in a Balsamic Vinaigrette w/Spinach and Roasted Red Peppers, Served over Rice

____ **Sante Fe Salmon** – Fresh Grilled Salmon Marinated with Chili Powder, Lemon Juice and Honey Topped with a Savory Lime Sauce

Breakdown Sessions: (Please check one AM session and one PM session that you will be attending.)

AM SESSIONS:

- ____ Benefits Planning for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries
- ____ VESID
- ____ MBI-WPD Toolkit
- ____ Disability Program Navigators

PM SESSIONS:

- ____ Balancing Choice, Empowerment and Incentives to Work
- ____ SSA Work Incentives
- ____ Employment & People with Disabilities
- ____ Navigating NYC Programs

Please return to:

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Office of Medicaid Management
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Albany, NY 12260**

ACCESSIBILITY

This conference is being conducted at a facility that will, to the greatest extent possible, meet the accessibility needs of individuals with disabilities who will be attending.

LODGING

*Special Conference rates have been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and at the Clarion Hotel of Albany (formerly the Quality Inn). **To obtain the rate, identify yourself as a “DOH – MBI-WPD Conference Participant.” Please reserve early - cut-off date for conference rate is October 12, 2004.***

The Crowne Plaza State and Lodge Streets Albany, New York 12207	518-462-6611 or 1-800-2-Crowne	\$96.00
The Clarion Hotel 3 Watervliet Avenue Ext Albany, New York 12206	518-438-8431	\$85.00

DIRECTIONS

The New York State Convention Center, where the conference is being held, is located in the Empire State Plaza in Albany, New York. A map with directions to the Plaza appears on the back cover of this program. Visitor parking is available at the Plaza for \$10.00 per day.

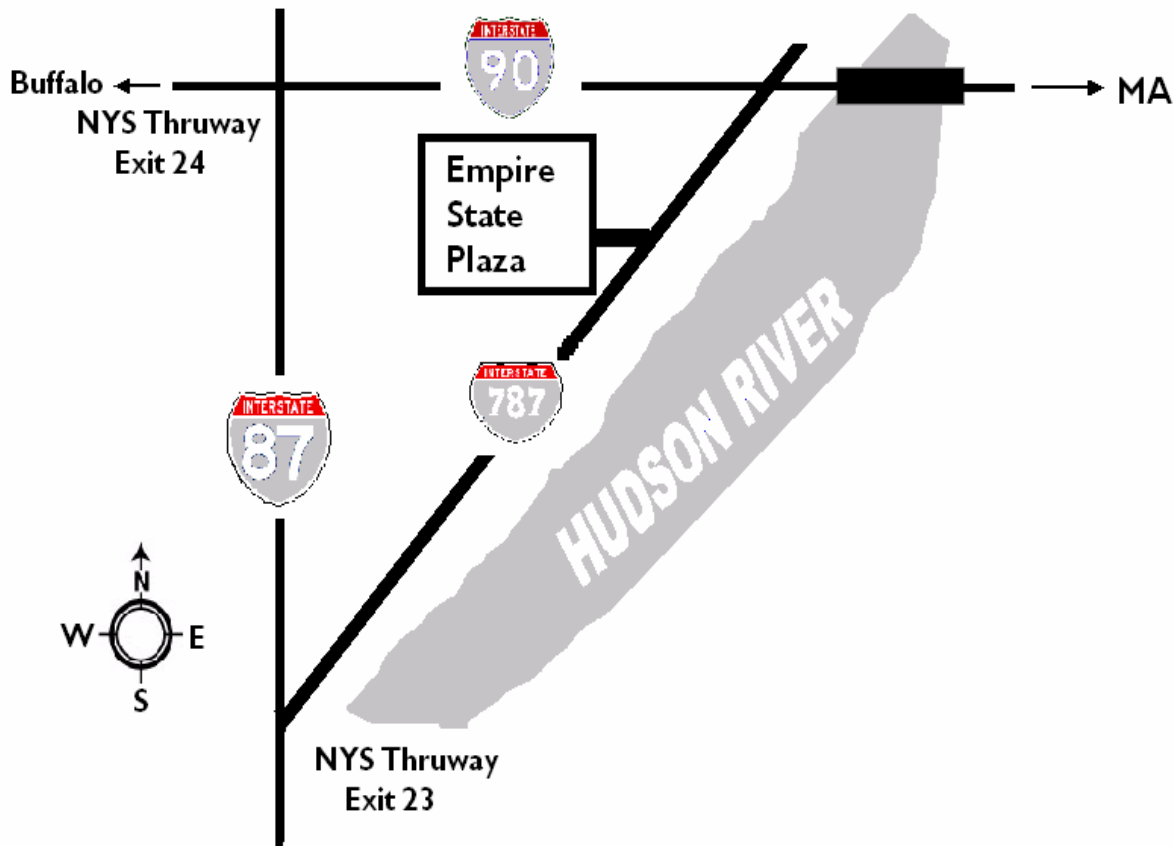
MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or want more information, please call Christine Oreshan at 518-473-8748 or e-mail at cmb09@health.state.ny.us or Kathleen Orkwis at 518-474-3468 or e-mail at kxo01@health.state.ny.us.

PARKING

1. V Lot (P-3 North Area) – Empire State Plaza Underground Parking Level 3.
2. P-1 North Area – Empire State Plaza Underground Parking Level 1 (oversized vehicles in excess of 6'6").
3. Cathedral Parking Lot – Madison Avenue east of Cultural Education Center.
4. Bus Parking Lot – Madison Avenue west of Cultural Education Center.
5. Grand Street Surface Lot – Grand Street, northeast side of ESP East Parking Garage.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA



Coming From The:

North: Take Interstate 87 (Northway) to Interstate 90 East exit. Proceed East to Interstate 787 South and take the Empire State Plaza exit. Follow signs to Visitors' Parking Area.

South: Take the NYS Thruway (Interstate 87) to Exit 23 (Albany). Proceed straight through the toll booth to Interstate 787 North. Take the Empire State Plaza exit and follow signs to Visitors' Parking Area.

East: Take Interstate 90 and cross the Hudson River. Take exit to Interstate 787 South, along the river. Take the Empire State Plaza exit and follow signs to Visitors' Parking Area.

West: Take the NYS Thruway to Exit 24 (Albany). Proceed East on Interstate 90 to Interstate 787 South. Take the Empire State Plaza exit and follow signs to Visitors' Parking Area.

Visitors' Parking is available in the V Lot only. Elevators will take you to the concourse level of the Empire State Plaza. The NYS Convention Center is located off the main concourse below the Performing Arts Center (the "Egg").