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Center for Workers with Disabilities

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**CWD Spring Meeting Agenda  
Marriott Albuquerque  
2101 Louisiana Blvd.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
May 8-9, 2006**

**Sunday, May 7, 2006**

5:00-8:00 p.m.

CWD Executive Committee Dinner and Meeting

**Monday, May 8, 2006**

8:30-9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**  
CWD Staff

Pam Hyde, Secretary, New Mexico Human Services  
Department

10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Medicaid Buy-In Update: Highlights of State MIG  
Activities**

Kerry Lida, Senior Policy Associate, Center for  
Workers with Disabilities

11:00-11:15 a.m.

**Break**

11:15-12:30 p.m.

**State Innovations and Program Development for  
Employment of Individuals with Disabilities**

MaryAlice Mowry, Pathways to Employment,  
Minnesota

Jack Hillyard, SmartStart Demonstration, Iowa

Julie Warm, Missouri

*Moderator:* Kerry Lida, Senior Policy Associate,  
Center for Workers with Disabilities

**12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Working Lunch:**

- Grant development
- Strategic planning
- Grant management

Martha Roherty, Director, Center for Workers with Disabilities

**1:45-3:15 p.m.**

**Getting the Numbers: Data Collection and Evaluation**

Dr. Steve Kaye, Disability Statistics Center  
Institute for Health & Aging, University of California

Barry A. Goff, Director  
The Charter Oak Group, LLC

Jay Pfeiffer, Assistant Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement  
Florida Department of Education

*Moderator:* Megan Juring,

**3:15-3:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:30-4:45 p.m.**

**Communication Outreach and Dissemination:  
Engaging Workers, Communities and Employers**

Mary Ellen Wright and Nancy Scott, Kansas  
Working Healthy Program on outreach to  
consumers and community providers

Susan Chase, Working Order, Sharpsburg,  
Pennsylvania

Jade Gingerich, Director of Employment Policy,  
Maryland Department of Disabilities

*Moderator:* Elaine Richard, MIG Director,  
Louisiana

**Evening Activity**

**Special Event**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

- 8:30-9:15 a.m.**                      **Breakfast and Facilitated Small Discussions**
- 9:15-10:30 a.m.**                      **Spotlight on New Mexico**  
Dr. Lowell Gordon, Medical Director, New Mexico
- Bob Beardsley, HSD, MAD, Client Services Bureau Chief
- Ernesto Rodriguez, WDI Program Manager, and WDI Program Staff
- Moderator:* Alex Suchman, Center for Workers with Disabilities
- 10:30-10:45 a.m.**                      **Break**
- 10:45-11:15 a.m.**                      **Department of Labor Apprenticeship: Hiring Individuals with Disabilities as Medicaid Adjudicators in New Mexico**  
Ken Lemberg, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services
- Veronica De Leon-Dowd, DVR, SSA Reimbursement, Ticket to Work, Medicaid Adjudication
- Moderator:* Alex Suchman, Center for Workers with Disabilities
- 11:15-12:15 p.m.**                      **Overview of the DRA and its Implications for Individuals with Disabilities**  
Martha Roherty, Director, Center for Workers with Disabilities
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.**                      **Lunch: Q&A with CMS**  
Carey Appold, Technical Director, Division of Advocacy and Special Initiatives, CMS
- 1:45-3:00 p.m.**                      **DRA, CMS, and New Program Opportunities**  
Carey Appold, Technical Director, Division of Advocacy and Special Initiatives, CMS
- Bill Ditto, New Jersey, Cash and Counseling Demonstration

*Moderator:* Martha Roherty, Director, Center for  
Workers with Disabilities

**3:00 p.m.**

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