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The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel



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Features

- Established by Congress under Section 101(f) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (P.L. 106-170)
- Mandated bi-partisan membership
- Housed within the Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C.
- Members span the nation

Statement of Purpose

Provide counsel to the President, Commissioner of Social Security, Congress, and other agencies on issues related to:

- Work incentive programs,
- Planning & assistance for individuals with disabilities and
- The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program

Composition

- Twelve members – By Partisan
 - 4 appointed by the President
 - 4 appointed by the Senate
 - 4 appointed by the House
- Each serve a four year term
- Current Chair appointed by the President from October 2004 for a four year term.

Panel Members

- Katie Beckett, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Libby Child, Grand Rapids, MI
- Berthy De la Rosa-Aponte, Chair, Cooper City, FL
- Thomas Golden, Waverly, NY
- Frances Gracechild, Sacramento, CA
- Andrew Imparato, Washington, DC
- Jerome Kleckley, Jackson Heights, NY
- David Miller, Sioux Falls, SD
- Dorothy Watson, Columbia, Maryland
- Stephen L. Start, Spokane, WA
- Torrey Westrom, Elbow Lake, MN
- Cheryl Bates-Harris, Washington, D.C.

Authority

- Governed by the provisions of P.L. 92-463 as amended which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees
- Also by the General Services Administration regulations on the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)



Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

- ✓ Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program
- ✓ Expanded availability of health care
- ✓ Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits
- ✓ Continuing Disability Review Protection





Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act

- ✓ Work Incentive Advisory Panel
- ✓ Work Incentive Outreach Program and PABSS
- ✓ Demonstration Projects and Studies



Duties of the Panel

- Provide advice to the President, Congress and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration on:
 - Phase-in sites
 - Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act Implementation
 - Design for demonstration project providing for reduction of benefits based on earnings

Duties of the Panel

Provide input on adequacy of incentives study and report regarding incentives needed for employment networks (ENs) to serve individuals under the Ticket to Work program

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- Provide input on design and operation of the Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach (BPA&Os) and Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Soc. Sec. (PABSS) services; **Medicaid buy in programs; Medicare extension; and other work incentives**
- Provide annual interim reports to Congress
- Submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the President and Congress

Open to the
Public

Meetings

- All meetings are open to the Public
- All meetings are accessible and conducted in compliance with FACA (Federal Adv. Committee Act)
- Meeting minutes are recorded, archived and publicly available
- Meetings are conducted Quarterly
- Standing committee meetings and teleconferences are also conducted and publicized as needed

Panel Activities

- Quarterly meetings and periodic teleconferences with public testimony
- National and Regional public forums
- Briefings by SSA other Federal agencies and outside experts
- Expert round tables
- Advice reports and advisory correspondence
- Congressional testimony and hearings

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