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**KTER Center’s**

**State of the Science Conference:**

**Knowledge Translation for Employment Research**

**Sept. 16-17, 2014**

**AGENDA**

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***Day 1 (September 16): Focus on Policymakers and VR Professionals***

**Policymakers** (12:00 – 2:10 PM EDT)

12:00 – 12:15 Welcome and online logistics – John Westbrook, (SEDL)

Overview of the KTER Center and the State of the Science Conference – John Westbrook

12:15 – 12:25 Comments from NIDRR Director – John Tschida

12:25 – 12:35 Legislative policy perspective – Senator Tom Harkin *(by video)*

12:35 – 12:40 Session overview and guiding questions – Joann Starks (SEDL)

12:40 – 1:00 Use of a “Champion” as a KT Strategy with a Policymaker Audience – Kathleen Murphy, Steven Boydston (SEDL)

1:00 – 1:20 “Policymaking 2.0–Using New Technologies to Inform Disability Employment Policy” – Katia Albanese, Hope Adler (ePolicyWorks)

1:20 – 1:30 BREAK

1:30 – 2:05 Panel discussion – Facilitator, Joann Starks (SEDL)

* Myrna Mandlawitz (MRM Associates)
* Peter Blanck (Burton Blatt Institute)
* Tracey Boehm (RTC: Rural)

2:05 – 2:10 Policymaker session takeaway message – Kathleen Murphy

**BREAK** (2:10 – 2:50 PM)

**VR Professionals** (2:50 – 5:00 PM)

2:50 – 3:00 Session overview and introductions – Valerie Brooke (VCU)

3:00 – 3:45 “Knowledge to Action: Evidence-Based Practice in Vocational Rehabilitation” – John Lui (Wisconsin Stout, RRTC-EBP VR)

3:45 – 3:55 BREAK

3:55 – 4:20 Response and KTER VR Professionals Research Report – Grant Revell (VCU)

4:10 – 4:40 Q and A – Facilitator, Valerie Brooke

4:40 – 4:50 Wrap Up – Grant Revell

4:50 – 4:55 VR professional session takeaway message – Grant Revell

4:55 – 5:00 Day 1 Wrap up – Joann Starks

***Day 2 (September 17): Focus on Consumers and Employers/Business***

**Consumers** (12:00 – 2:10 PM EDT)

12:00 – 12:05 Review of Day 1/Overview of Day 2 – Joann Starks (SEDL)

12:05 – 12:15 Session overview and introductions – Valerie Brooke (VCU)

12:15 – 12:55 “Beyond 90 Days Successful Employment after Disability“ – James Krause (MUSC)

12:55 – 1:05 BREAK

1:05 – 1:30 Response – Fredric Schroeder (National Rehabilitation Association)

1:30 – 1:45 KTER Consumer Research Report – Katherine Inge (VCU)

1:45 – 2:00 Q and A – Facilitator, Valerie Brooke

2:00 – 2:10 Wrap up / Consumer session takeaway message – Valerie Brooke

**BREAK** (2:10 – 2:50 PM)

**Employers/Business** (2:50 – 5:00 PM)

2:50 – 3:00 Session overview and guiding questions –Steven Boydston (SEDL)

3:00 – 3:20 Barriers and Facilitators to Research Uptake in the Business Community: Focus Group Findings – Kathleen Murphy, Steven Boydston (SEDL)

3:20 – 3:40 "Best Practices in Employee Retention and Return-to-Work: Lessons Learned from Employers" – Rebecca Salon, Brittany Taylor (LEAD Center**)**

3:40 – 3:50 BREAK

3:50 – 4:40 Panel discussion – Facilitator, Kathleen Murphy

* + - Mark Williams (USBLN)
    - Arun Karpur (Cornell EDI)
    - Anne Miano (Microsoft)

4:40 – 4:50 Employer/Business session takeaway message – Kathleen Murphy

4:50 – 5:00 Conference closing and wrap up – John Westbrook (SEDL)