

A NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE STATE OF DISABILITY ADA TOWN HALL MEETING

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**National Press Club
529 14th St., N.W., 13th Floor Ballroom
Washington, DC**

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. The U.S. Marine Band

9:00 a.m. Welcome

The Honorable Glenn Anderson, Ph.D.
Vice Chairperson
National Council on Disability
Washington, D.C.

Armed Forces Color Guard
United States Army Military District of Washington

Opening Remarks
"The State of Disability"
The Honorable Lex Frieden
Chairperson
National Council on Disability
Washington, D.C.

Keynote Address
The Honorable Gordon H. Mansfield
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C.

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Panel 1: Equality of Opportunity and Full Participation

Presenters will discuss and respond to the current state of disability on issues such as civil rights, education, youths, accessibility, emergency preparedness and technology.

Moderator

Greg Smith

Host

“The Strength Coach Radio Show,” and

Founder

“On A Roll—Talk Radio on Life and Disability”

Panelists

The Honorable John H. Hager

Assistant Secretary

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

U.S. Department of Education

Washington, D.C.

Loretta King

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

Sharon D. Eller

Director

Office on Civil Rights

U.S. Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

Dan Sutherland

Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Washington, D.C.

Gary Talbot

Member

U.S. Access Board

Auburndale, Fla.

Thomas Chandler
Chief
Disability Rights Office
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

Bobby Coward
Member
NCD Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee
Washington, D.C.

Gina Semenza
Chair
NCD Youth Advisory Committee
Gardena, Calif.

Question and Answer Session

10:35 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Panel 2: Independent Living

Panelists will respond to the current state of disability on such issues as housing, independent living, transportation, long-term services and supports and *Olmstead*.

Moderator

Greg Smith

Panelists

Olegario D. Cantos VII, Esq.
Associate Director on Disabilities
Domestic Policy Council
The White House
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Kim Kendrick
Assistant Secretary
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Tyler Duvall
Assistant Secretary for Policy
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C.

Margaret J. Giannini, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Director
Office on Disability
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, D.C.

Betsy Valnes
Executive Director
National Youth Leadership Network
Pierre, S.D.

Question and Answer Session

11:35 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Panel 3: Economic Self-Sufficiency

Panelists in the forefront of disability employment will respond to the current state of disability on issues such as employment, Social Security, and welfare reform.

Moderator

Greg Smith

Panelists

The Honorable Cari M. Dominguez
Chair
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable W. Roy Grizzard, Jr., Ed.D.
Assistant Secretary
Office of Disability Employment Policy
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Martin H. Gerry
Deputy Commissioner
Disability and Income Security Programs
Social Security Administration
Baltimore, Md.

The Honorable Berthy De la Rosa-Aponte
Chair
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel
Social Security Administration
Washington, D.C.

Rebecca Hare
Project Coordinator
National Consortium on Leadership and Disability
for Youth
Institute for Educational Leadership
Washington, D.C.

Djuna Parmley Mitchell
Consumer Legal Affairs
ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, Inc.
Arlington, Va.

Question and Answer Session

12:35 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

The Honorable Glenn Anderson, Ph.D., Member, NCD