**The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

Invites you to attend our full day

**TOWNHALL MEETING**

at

**Division of Children and Families Child Welfare Training Academy\***

30 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

**9:30 am – 4:00 pm**

**We are interested in hearing from YOU!**

We are asking all consumers to provide feedback to determine how the Commission can better serve the needs of blind, vision-impaired, and deaf-blind citizens of New Jersey. Please review the attached questions that will be addressed at the Townhall meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send us your responses. Your feedback is valuable!

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| **Agenda**  9:00-10:00 am **Registration and Networking with light refreshments**  10:00 **Welcome**   * *State Rehabilitation Council Representative* * Daniel Frye*, NJ-CBVI Executive Director* * *San Diego State University Representative*   10:50 **Break**  11:00 – 12:00 **Question and Answer session**   * CBVI State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) membersask questions to access feedback from the forum attendees   **(see attached questionnaire)**  12:00-1:30 pm **Working** **Lunch**   * Keynote Speaker (TBD) * “Brown Bag” lunches will be provided.   1:30-2:15 pm **Break-out Session I: Demographic Groups by Age**   * Facilitated Question and Answer session   2:30-3:15 pm **Break-out Session II: Service Groups**   * Facilitated Question and Answer session   3:30-4:00pm **Closing Remarks** |

**\*If needed, round-trip transportation is available to/from Regional Service Centers:**

Newark, Freehold, Cherry Hill, Atlantic City as well as the New Brunswick Train Station

**Transportation needs must be indicated on the “Townhall Meeting Response Form”**

**\*\* “Brown bag” lunches include: sandwiches (including vegetarian), and beverage**

**TOWNHALL MEETING RESPONSE FORM**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

* **YES! I am attending**
* **No, I cannot attend, but am submitting feedback**

**I will need the following accommodations to successfully participate in the Townhall Meeting on Saturday, June 10:**

* Braille
* Large Print
* Digital format
* CART (Computer Aided Real-Time Transcription)
* FM System (Assistive Listening Device)
* Sign Language Interpreting: *(circle one)* **Tactile ASL Close Visual**
* **Transportation to/from DCF Training Center**

*Please mark which location you will be transporting from:*

* Newark Service Center
* Freehold Service Center
* Cherry Hill Service Center
* Atlantic City Service Center
* New Brunswick Train Station
* Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE: We may not be able to accommodate all dietary restrictions.*

* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for registering is Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

**Options for submitting registration and feedback forms:**

1. **Online Survey:**
2. **Email:** [**townhall@dhs.state.nj.us**](mailto:townhall@dhs.state.nj.us)
3. **Mail – Complete this form and return it in the stamped envelope to:**

NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

ATT: Chris Cooper - TOWNHALL MEETING

153 Halsey Street, 5th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

**If you are unable to attend, and/or would like to submit your feedback in writing via mail, please include it in the same envelope.**

*Please provide your suggestions for improvement regarding CBVI’s supports and services. You may respond to the questions in a number of ways:*

* **In-person***, by participating in the Townhall Meeting, June 10, 2017.*
* **Online Survey,** *by submitting information via our online survey.*

(Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBVITownhall2017> )

* **Electronically***, by emailing your responses to* [**townhall@dhs.state.nj.us**](mailto:townhall@dhs.state.nj.us)
* **Written/Typed***, by submitting your responses during the day of*

*the Townhall Meeting* or *by mail. You may use additional paper if necessary.*

**QUESTIONS**

**The following questions will be asked during the NJCBVI Townhall Meeting. If you are attending in person, you will be asked to choose the break-out session group that you best identify with. In the event you are undecided between which group to attend, you are welcome to submit feedback to the questions of all groups that are applicable to you.**

**MORNING OPEN FORUM: Large Group and Questions**

**If you are mailing back your response, please write/type your response on an attached piece of paper and indicate which question(s) you are responding to:**

1. **What can we do to improve services to increase employment opportunities for our consumers?**
2. **What can we do to improve services to increase consumers’ independence and integration in their communities?**
3. **Who is underserved by our agency? What group of individuals should we expand our outreach efforts to better serve those underserved individuals?**
4. **In pursuit of your independence, are there any other organizations or programs that would benefit from a better understanding of CBVI and the needs of its consumers?**

**AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSION I: Demographic Groups by Age Range**

**Please check which DEMOGRAPHIC group you are providing suggestions for improvement of supports and services. If you are mailing back your response, please write/type your response on an attached piece of paper and indicate the question(s) you are responding to:**

* **Transition and Youth: Ages 14-24**
* **Ages 25-40**
* **Ages 41-54**
* **Seniors: Ages 55+**

**AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSION II: Service Groups and Questions**

**Please check which SERVICE GROUP(s) you are providing suggestions for improvement. If you are mailing back your response, please write/type your response on an attached piece of paper and indicate which question(s) you are responding to:**

* **Supported Employment and Customized Employment**
* **Deaf-Blind**
* **Vocational Rehabilitation**
* **Independent Living and Community Integration**