February 3, 2017   Season 2, Episode 2   12 PM to 1 PM EST

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM   Introduction & Welcome
            Michael Murray, AAPD

12:05 PM   Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release
            Andrew Houtenville, UNH-IOD, John O’Neill, Kessler Foundation

12:15 PM   Announcements from the field of Disability Employment
            Michael Gamel-McCormick, AUCD

12:30 PM   Karen Tamley, Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities

12:45 PM   Open Question & Answer period for attendees

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Presenter Bios

Guest Presenter:

Karen Tamley was named Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) in March of 2005 by Richard M. Daley and reappointed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel in May of 2011. MOPD promotes full inclusion of people with all types of disabilities and strives to make Chicago the most accessible city in the nation.

In her role as Commissioner, Ms. Tamley leads numerous disability policy and accessibility compliance initiatives in transportation, city infrastructure, emergency preparedness, housing, education and technology. She also oversees the delivery of independent living services such as in-home supports, home accessibility modifications, amplified phones, and employment readiness to thousands of Chicagoans with disabilities.

Commissioner Tamley serves as the City’s representative regarding disability related policy on a number of boards and committees, including the Pace Board of Directors, the region’s Paratransit service provider. In 2015, Commissioner Tamley was appointed by President Obama to serve on the United States Access Board which develops accessibility guidelines and standards for the built environment, transportation, communication, medical diagnostics equipment, and information technology. Most recently, the Civic Federation of Chicago and Motorola Solutions Foundation named Commissioner Tamley the recipient of the 2015 “Excellence in Public Service Award” for her extraordinary impact.

Under Commissioner Tamley’s leadership, Chicago received the Accessible America Award from the National Organization on Disability and for two years, MOPD was named “Best Government Department” by the Deaf Illinois.

For 15 years prior to her appointment, Tamley served in management, policy and advocacy roles at disability organizations in Washington D.C., Denver and Chicago. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she was the Director of Programs at Access Living a center for advocacy and services for people with disabilities in Chicago.

Commissioner Tamley earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley.
Monthly nTIDE Presenters:

Andrew Houtenville, PhD is an Associate Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principle Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1997 and was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and New Editions Consulting in McLean, Virginia.

John O’Neill, Ph.D., CRC is the Director of Employment Research at the Kessler Foundation. He currently serves as the Project Co-Director of two NIDRR-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC), “Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics” and “Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-Level Characteristics Related to Employment Among Individuals with Disabilities”. He is a former principle investigator of the RRTC on the Community Integration of People with TBI, and worked for more than eight years on NIDRR-funded research to improve the quality of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with AIDS.

For six years Dr. O’Neill sat on the NY Rehabilitation Council and was the Council’s representative working with the State vocational rehabilitation agency to create a comprehensive system of personnel development. Dr. O’Neill also directed the graduate program in rehabilitation counseling at Hunter College, CUNY for 25 years. He is a guest editor for the Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin for an upcoming special issue on Disability, Person-Environment Interaction and Employment (Spring 2013). Dr. O’Neill is a national expert in the employment of individuals with disability. He recently joined KF as Director of Vocational Research. In this capacity, he will work with the NNJTBI as a co-investigator focused on dissemination activities regarding employment issues in TBI. Dr. O’Neill will additionally serve as a co-investigator on our site specific research project, assisting with the measurement of employment-related outcomes.

Michael Gamel-McCormick is the Associate Executive Director at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Prior to joining AUCD he was the Disability Policy Director and Senior Education Policy Analyst with the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions under the chairmanship of Senator Tom Harkin. For 17 years, Michael was professor and Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy at the University of Delaware, the interim chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and the director of the Center for Disabilities Studies, Delaware’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. He has also been the director of a rural early...
intervention program, the director of health and education services at a large urban community services agency, the coordinator of an early childhood special education technical assistance center, and a preschool teacher.

Michael Murray serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the AAPD. Michael’s passion and enthusiasm is powered by his experience as a person with a disability. Before joining AAPD, Michael served as the principal advisor to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), steering and designing the policies and programs of 56 Federal agencies throughout the country to implement the President’s Executive Order on Increasing Federal Employment of Individuals with Disabilities. By fostering teamwork and collaboration, Michael led the Federal government in hiring the largest percentage and number of people with disabilities into Federal service in history. While at OPM, Michael also served as the acting Deputy Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, driving highly successful workforce initiatives with various diverse communities. He has also worked on a state level as a disability rights advocate and to develop the Beyond Academics program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.