ELEVATOR SETTLEMENT
Agreement Reached On Subway Access

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Michael Schweinsburg, president of the 504 Democratic Club, recently announced that a settlement was reached in a lawsuit brought against the MTA, DOT, and the federal government.

Attorney Arthur Schwartz of Advocates for Justice and Councilmember Carlina Rivera attended a press conference, along with Assemblymember Harvey Epstein, District 74, and Assemblymember Carlina Rivera, District 2. The settlement will see four new elevators at 6th Ave. and 14th St. that will serve the L and F train platforms. This marks the second victory this year following the settlement with the City last month.

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Pre-Approval For Wheelchairs Expanded

Thirty-one new items of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS) will join two existing items of DMEPOS on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) master list of items frequently subject to unnecessary utilization, requiring prior authorization as a condition of payment. This goes into effect on September 1, and all of these 33 DMEPOS items are types of power wheelchairs. In a June Federal Register announcement, CMS stated the goal of prior authorization is to reduce fraud, waste and abuse, while protecting access to care. However, in previous Federal Register postings CMS stated that 92 percent of the DMEPOS improper payment rate is attributed to insufficient documentation rather than fraud, waste, and abuse. Insufficient documentation is often a simple mistake in the process of documenting the need for the equipment where a doctor leaves off a date or the therapist does not complete a field. These are clerical errors, not fraud. The Center for Medicare Advocacy (CMA) contends that it is disingenuous for CMS to state that simple mistakes in paperwork result in unnecessary utilization of wheelchairs by individuals who legitimately require them for access to mobility. They want beneficiaries to be aware of the benefits and detriments of prior authorization and be fully prepared in order to avoid prior denials. According to CMA, the possible benefits of prior authorization may be that beneficiaries may have greater confidence of coverage before the item is ordered, questionable billing practices may be prevented, there are specified review timeframes and the system may be made more efficient for all by encouraging careful and correct legitimate requests for coverage. CMA claims that possible problems with prior authorization are that beneficiaries may see delays in access, unfair denials, the time to review may be doubled for re-review, there is no appeals process and beneficiaries may be dependent upon providers and suppliers to ensure the paperwork is correct. To minimize or avoid denials they suggest that beneficiaries understand which items will be subject to prior authorization, ensure sufficient documentation and monitor the maximum prior authorization timeframes.
ACLUs Ruling Marginalizes Voters

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled in Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute by a 5-4 decision to uphold those practices used by Ohio to remove voters from the state’s voter rolls, a voter suppression practice that cancels the registration of voters who chose not to vote and who then fail to respond to a notice.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and partners organizations filed the lawsuit, charging that it is in violation of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Other plaintiffs included ACLU of Ohio, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless and Larry Harmon, an Ohio resident who was purged from the voter rolls in 2015.

The decision is a setback for traditionally marginalized communities, including voters with disabilities, who are already underrepresented at the ballot box because of barriers such as inaccessible polling places, equipment and transportation. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a lawsuit against a state's voter rolls, a voter suppression practice that cancels the registration of voters who chose not to vote and who then fail to respond to a notice. Rendering them particularly vulnerable to unwarranted removal under the supplemental process, wrote Justice Sonia Sotomayor in her dissenting opinion.

The REV UP Campaign, launched by the American Association of People with Disabilities, is a nonpartisan initiative to increase the political power of the disability community while also engaging candidates and the media on disability issues.

The campaign focuses on voter registration, education, access and engagement.

Single-Payer Passes State Assembly Again

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (D-Dist. 83) and Health Committee Chair Richard Gottfried (D-Dist. 75) recently announced that the Assembly has passed the New York Health Act, which would establish a universal single-payer health plan that would provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers.

“The Assembly majority believes that decisions regarding medical care should not be based on cost,” said Heastie.

“Despite Washington’s efforts to undermine access to affordable care, we recognize that New Yorkers and all Americans deserve a healthcare system that guarantees coverage for all.”

The health care system is rigged against working people, and Congress and the Trump administration are working to restrict health care access even more. New York can do better with an improved Medicare for all single-payer system that covers all of us and is funded fairly,” said Gottfried.

“Support is growing with the public and in the state Senate. Assembly passage is an important step as we continue to build support for universal health care to benefit everyone.”

Under the bill, every New York resident would be eligible to enroll, regardless of age, income, wealth or employment. There would be no network restrictions, deductibles or copays. Benefits would include comprehensive outpatient and inpatient medical, dental, vision, hearing and all benefits required by current state insurance law, by publicly funded medical programs or provided by the state public employee package.

Additionally, state funding would be combined with federal funds that are currently received for Medicare, Medicaid and Child Health Plus to create the New York Health Trust Fund. The state would

Deadline For Care Provider Monitoring System Nears

Disability advocates are pushing to extend the deadline of federal 21st Century Cures Act by one year, a bill that requires electronic monitoring of personal care assistants when providing services to consumers in the home and community.

The bill mandates that all personal care service (PCS) providers and home health care services (HHCS) paid for by Medicaid implement an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system that will track all aspects of those services by Jan. 1, which is causing some controversy. The Cures Act, which passed Congress in 2016, also includes self-directed programs such as New York’s Consumer Directed Personal Assistance program (CDPA). Failure to act on this requirement would subject a state to reductions in Federal Medical Assistance Payments (FMAP) and HHCS expenditures.

Legislation was recently introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives to delay the deadline by one year to make sure that EVV is rolled out properly. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published its best practices recommendations in May, less than eight months before the deadline.

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS) claims the one-year delay is crucial in order to get input from fiscal intermediaries and tests, rehabilitative, dental, vision, hearing and all benefits required by current state insurance law, by publicly funded medical programs or provided by the state public employee package.

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The Osterer Center for Discovery in Connecticut recently celebrated diversity and different cultures at their second annual international day event.

Participants parted into two groups, one which studied France and another that studied Australia. They worked on and shared presentations covering topics such as each country’s fashion, poetry, games, food and more. They also enjoyed eating traditional cuisine from the two countries.

The center offers many programs and services to adults with cerebral palsy, on-site and in the community. Some of those include cooking, horticulture, art and work readiness training.

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A lawsuit filed by Uber, Lyft and Via against the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) a few months ago was recently settled.

The suit was filed in response to rules and a two-year pilot program TLC created last year, in an effort to increase wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) service available to people with disabilities (PWD) in New York City.

The rules required a gradual increase of accessible vehicles during the course of five years. The pilot program would allow the ride companies to run their own dispatch system, which was to begin in July.

The pilot would also be used to evaluate the ability of a central dispatcher to provide WAV service in the for-hire vehicle (FHV) sector. This pilot would test whether the same technology that allows some FHV bases to match passengers and cars can provide faster and more reliable service for people who use wheelchairs, including meeting the majority of trip requests with wait times of 15 minutes or less.

Most PWD’s supported the TLC plan and many testified in a hearing in support of it. However, the companies wanted the pilot to be permanent, not temporary. So, they sued the TLC.

In the recent settlement, the TLC agreed to make the pilot permanent if the companies agreed to meet certain service requirements. They also agreed to create a permanent exception to the TLC’s mandate requiring 25 percent of FHV trips to be provided in wheelchair accessible cars by 2023.

The pilot only had two years and ended at a requirement that 80 percent of rides would be provided in less than 15 minutes and 90 percent be provided in less than 30 minutes. The agreement added a third year, with response requirements of 80 percent in less than 10 minutes and 90 percent in less than 15 minutes.

The new settlement also states that all the bases that choose to meet accessibility requirements through dispatch must provide the TLC with passenger wait times for every request for a non-accessible vehicle on a monthly basis. While the pilot had only required this for accessible vehicle requests, the newly-required data allows the TLC to assess the exact level of service.

“We’re very pleased with the terms of the settlement and the additional requirements it provides, which provide more certainty and transparency for the disabled riding public,” said TLC Commissioner Meera Joshi. “This was a clear victory for the city and an equally clear win for persons with disabilities who have long waited to see the meaningful change this settlement will bring about.”

Disability And Poverty Firms Merge

The Partnership for Children’s Rights (PFCR), a nonprofit law firm, recently merged with anti-poverty firm, Mobilization for Justice (MFJ) in New York City.

MFJ has been a leader in providing free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers for more than five decades. PFCR, founded in 1999, provides comprehensive legal assistance to children with disabilities in the areas of special education and disability benefits.

The merger, recently approved by the state’s attorney general, will enable more children and families to get the help they need in New York City. By joining forces, MFJ will expand its growing children’s rights practice, and the families served by PFCR will benefit from MFJ’s holistic approach to serving clients.

More families with disabled children will have access to comprehensive legal assistance under one roof. Matters than can be addressed include housing, government benefits, employment, immigration and kinship care.

“We’re thrilled to be able to serve more families and children facing the problems associated with poverty. We hope to be able to address systemic issues as we assess ways to improve this system that has failed so many,” said Jeanette Zelhof, MFJ executive director.

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Fashion Event Helps Autism Nonprofit

Media personality Sheik recently hosted Shop Sell Strut, a fashion fundraiser held at the Pure Event Center in South Amboy.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Morgan Marie Michael Foundation, a nonprofit for individuals on the autism spectrum. Festivities included a runway fashion show, vendor marketplace, silent auction, dessert tastings, a deejay and a live performance by pop star Alex B.

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Disability rights have come a long way since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, including accessibility to transportation, education, housing, employment, technology and public places.

Title I of the ADA prohibits private employers with 15 or more employees, the government, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against qualified people with disabilities (PWD) in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation and job training. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) share responsibility for enforcing this portion of the ADA.

Through this provision, the government has entered into many consent decrees and settlement agreements through the years where plaintiffs were ordered to provide reasonable accommodations to a current or prospective employee. In some cases, discriminatory hiring and firing practices led to money damages awarded to the defendant.

Title II of the ADA protects PWDs from discrimination in regard to services, programs and activities provided by government entities. States and local government entities that provide employment and vocational services to PWDs must offer those services in the most integrated setting appropriate. Historically, many states have provided these services in unnecessarily segregated settings, such as sheltered workshops, where people with disabilities perform rote tasks for sub-minimum wage alongside other workers with disabilities.

Many settlement agreements were reached if the ADA’s integration mandate was violated. This resulted in over-reliance of sheltered workshops becoming less prevalent. In 2009, the DOJ Civil Rights Division launched an aggressive effort to enforce the Supreme Court’s decision in Olmstead v. L.C., which requires states to eliminate unnecessary segregation of PWDs and ensure they receive services in the most integrated setting.

Title III of the ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability at places of public accommodations, such as restaurants, movie theaters, schools, day care facilities, recreation facilities and doctors’ offices. It also requires newly constructed or altered commercial places of public accommodation to comply with the ADA.

This has resulted in accessible swimming pools, theater seating, allowance of service animals, among many other accommodations. Architectural barriers are becoming much less commonplace, because many new structures are built with accessibility in mind and many barriers have to removed or altered from old structures.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enforces regulations covering telecommunications services. Title IV of the ADA covers telephone and television access for people with hearing and speech disabilities. It requires telephone and internet companies to provide a nationwide system of telecommunications relay services that allow people with hearing and speech disabilities to communicate by telephone.

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB), also known as the Access Board, issues guidelines to ensure that buildings, facilities and transit vehicles are accessible. Guidelines and standards issued under the ADA and other laws establish design requirements for the construction and alteration of facilities. These standards apply to places of public accommodation and commercial and government facilities.

The Department of Transportation enforces regulations governing transit, which includes ensuring that recipients of federal aid and state and local entities responsible for roadways and pedestrian facilities do not discriminate on the basis of disability in highway transportation programs or activities. The department also issues guidance to transit agencies on how to comply with the ADA to ensure that public transit vehicles and facilities are accessible.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) oversees enforcement related to access to programs, services and activities receiving HHS federal financial assistance. One of many mandates is ensuring that people who are deaf have access to sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids in hospitals and clinics when needed for effective communication.

The ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush. It was modeled after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
Northeast ADA Center Provides Guidance And Information

The Northeast ADA Center, located at Cornell University, educates and empowers a diverse range of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) stakeholders to increase their knowledge about disability inclusiveness in the workplace, business and communities.

It serves New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The center’s purpose is to assist in ADA implementation and to facilitate change in behavior, policy and practice within communities.

They partner with health care facilities, small employers and facility access professionals to provide improved implementation of the ADA. Support is provided to community partners in each of these areas under customized service agreements. The center will provide consultation, training and ongoing technical assistance in support of goal attainment for each of their partners.

The foundation for this work began during their previous funding cycle with a memorandum of understanding between the City of Albany and the Northeast ADA Center to support implementation of Title II. The center has helped the City of Albany apply the ADA’s Title II regulations to their programs, policies, procedures and facility improvements.

Intensive technical assistance was provided to the city related to ADA reasonable accommodation procedures for employees, playground accessibility improvements, downtown parking area improvements and facility accessibility questions. The city recently convened an ADA Advisory Committee that includes people with disabilities, to assist and advise city personnel with disability concerns and issues.

In addition, the center’s trainee network helps its members implement the ADA in their local communities. This project is also actively implemented in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic ADA Centers. The center’s trainings equip networks members with current, relevant information about the ADA and disability inclusiveness.

Another area of the center’s focus is on research, which is meant to identify and solve region-specific barriers for compliance with Title I of the ADA in small private and public sector organizations. This improves employer hiring, retention and experiences of individuals with disabilities in these workplaces.

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released its first ever Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) scorecard and report.

“Despite providing health coverage to more than 75 million Americans at a taxpayer cost of more than $558 billion a year, we have lacked transparency in the performance and outcomes of this critical program,” said Seema Verma, CMS administrator. “The scorecard will be used to track and display progress being made throughout and across the Medicaid and CHIP programs, so others can learn from the successes of high performing states. By using meaningful data and fostering transparency, we will see the development of best practices that lead to positive health outcomes for our most vulnerable populations.”

The first version of the scorecard includes measures voluntarily reported by states. It will also report measures in state health system performance, state administrative accountability and federal administrative accountability. The metrics included in the first scorecard reflect important health issues such as well-child visits, mental health conditions, children’s preventive dental services and other chronic conditions. The scorecard represents the first time that CMS is publishing state and federal administrative performance metrics, which include measures like state/federal timeliness of managed care capitation rate reviews, time from submission to approval for Section 1115 demonstrations and state/federal state plan amendment processing times.

The scorecard falls in line with Pres. Donald Trump’s commitment to lessen red tape by aligning existing reporting requirements with these other data sets and incorporating new data over time. The scorecard is a key component of Verma’s new vision for Medicaid and CHIP that was announced during a conference in the fall.

“Our vision for the future of Medicaid is to reset the federal-state relationship and restore the partnership, while at the same time modernizing the program to deliver better outcomes for the people we serve,” said Verma. “We need to ensure that we are building a Medicaid program that is sound and sustainable to help all beneficiaries reach their highest potential.”

CMS is working to reset the state-federal partnership by offering states unprecedented flexibility to design health programs that meet the needs of their residents. This includes updates to the Medicaid 1115 demonstration website, new guidance to offer states more flexibility to address the opioid crisis through Medicaid and a new opportunity for states to test community engagement incentives to help lift adult Medicaid beneficiaries from poverty.

In addition to ensuring robust evaluations of demonstration projects, CMS will also continue to emphasize the importance of measuring a broad set of health outcome metrics across states. Given its role in covering more than 35 million children across the country, paying for approximately 50 percent of the country’s births and as the single greatest payer for long-term care services for the elderly and people with disabilities, public reporting of core quality metrics maintains an important responsibility of states and the federal government.

The data offered within the scorecard begins to offer taxpayers insights into how their dollars are being spent and the impact those dollars have on health outcomes. In future years, the scorecard will be updated annually with new functionality and new metrics, including opioid-related and home-and community-based services quality metrics, as well as the ability to compare spending patterns.

The scorecard is available at www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/index.html.
Senators Speak Out Against Low Wages

Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and six of her Senate colleagues recently sent a letter to Department of Labor (DOL) Secretary Alexander Acosta requesting information on the oversight and enforcement of employers that use 14(c) waivers to hire workers with disabilities and pay them less than the federal minimum wage.

Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) lets DOL issue certificates to eligible employers allowing them to pay workers with disabilities a subminimum wage. According to public DOL data, employers held more than 1,700 14(c) certificates covering more than 150,000 workers eligible to receive a subminimum wage as of January 2018.

“While the department continues to issue these waivers, however, we are concerned by past abuses of the program and hope to better understand the extent to which the department is able to prevent employers’ mistreatment of and discrimination against workers with disabilities.”

There are reports of extremely low earnings, which in some cases are less than a dollar per hour. There are also reports of abuse of the waivers in general, causing concern among disability advocates, self-advocates and policymakers. While the DOL makes public a list of 14(c) certificate holders and the number of employees the certificate holder is permitted to hire, neither Congress nor the American public knows how many individuals with disabilities are actually employed by the more than 1,700 certificates or what their rates of pay are.

The senators pressed the DOL to publicly report the pay rates of individuals with disabilities paid by employers using the certificates at the national and state level. In addition, the senators requested a variety of data on the department’s evaluation of certificate applications, violations of the FLSA among certificate holders and their re-vocation of certificates, among other information.

Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Tammy Duckworth (D-III.) and Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) joined Warren in sending the letter.

Employment Gains Continue

Job gains continued for Americans with disabilities in May, although fewer were looking for work, according to a report issued by Kessler Foundation and the University of New Hampshire’s Institute on Disability (UNHHD).

While a greater number of people with disabilities have entered the workforce during the past two years, they are still striving for jobs that support their independence. In a recent Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report, the employment-to-population ratio for working-age people with disabilities increased from 29.2 percent to 29.7 percent in the past year. The ratio also increased a little for people without disabilities.

“March 2016 was the last time we saw a decline in the labor force participation rate of people with disabilities when compared the same month in the prior year. This could be signaling a softening in the degree to which people with disabilities are engaging in this expanding economy,” said Andrew Houtenville of UNHHD.

Employment First is a national initiative that has identified competitive, integrated employment as the cornerstone of full community participation by all. The initiative, which Continued on page 25

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Closing Date: Job posting will remain open until position is filled.
Disability activist Judith Heumann, center in red, recently spent time with 14 young leaders who just completed their national spring fellowships for RespectAbility in Maryland.

Some are graduating college, while others will return to school. Several have received jobs or are pursuing internships in communications, health care policy, the federal government, international policy and other areas.

Each group participated in a final project together of creating a toolkit. The policy fellows created a toolkit with the goal of increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The communications, stigma and journalism fellows helped create one to help entertainment professionals become more inclusive.

The development and fundraising fellows created one to help philanthropists fight bias and failed systems, as well as to enable millions of people with disabilities to have a better future.

Applications are now open for the fall fellowships at www.respectability.org/about-us/fellowship.
The project invites photographers to portray disability as a natural part of someone’s identity, instead of portraying disability as something that needs to be cured or overcome. “People with disabilities have historically been underrepresented and often misrepresented in the media,” said Mike Shebanek, head of accessibility at Oath. “We believe the media has the power to shut down stereotypes, and we are calling on the industry to commit to more inclusive representation.” “At a time when imagery is the most widely spoken global language, it has never been more important to produce and promote a visual language that is progressive and inclusive and to support diverse voices in doing so,” said Rebecca Swift, director of visual insights at Getty Images. “While we cannot change what people publish or click on overnight, we can provide better alternatives for those looking to create more authentic stories.” Getty Images’ customer search data shows an increasing desire for high-quality, modern images like these. Global search data from 2016 to 2017 indicates that searches for “wheelchair access” increased 371 percent on GettyImages.com. Additionally, “disabled worker” was up 254 percent, “autism awareness” increased 196 percent and “deafness” was up 144 percent. “Member organizations of the National Disability Leadership Alliance and the disability community in general have worked for decades to see ourselves accurately reflected in media. Despite some progress, often the media still gets important details wrong,” said James Weisman, of the NDLA Steering Committee. “This landmark initiative, the first of its kind developed with the guidance of the disability community itself, signals a promising new way forward.” Disability leaders have been central to this project since the formation, and the project is guided by insights from disability-specific focus groups. Photographers, including those with disabilities, are being encouraged to contribute to the collection. Getty Images and Oath will be providing the necessary resources and opportunities to help content creators broadcast their vision, including funding and changing the norm in order to deliver better experiences for visitors, including those with special needs,” said Chris Davis, managing partner of Zoeeanarium Group, which specializes in developing and operating institutions in several areas of the world. Challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder and other similar conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to over-stimulation and noise, which is common in busy animal parks. “Visiting an aquarium can be an overwhelming experience for a child on the autism spectrum and for her or his family,” said Tom Scheffer of Texas, the father of a daughter with autism and a member of the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. “We will drive an extra hour or more to visit an attraction that provides for the needs of people with sensory issues. Staff who are sensitivity trained and certified know how to help manage situations and are responsive to and educated about the needs of families like ours.” With its team certified, Zoeeanarium Group staff is trained to recognize guests with sensory issues and how to assist them. “To know that you soon will be able to see families visit an aquarium, zoo or science center, a true community binding experience, with their loved ones who have a sensory challenge and who were not able to previously attend, is truly a heartwarming moment. Our communities are what shape our lives, and to know that Zoeeanarium Group is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that everyone, no matter their ability, is included in their community is amazing,” said Traci Johnson, executive director of Kulture City, a New York-based nonprofit recognized for effecting change in the community for those with sensory needs. In the past year, Kulture City has created several sensory inclusive venues and events in the United States, including the National Football League Pro-Bowl, Super Bowl, 16 National Basketball Association arenas, five football stadiums and five National Hockey League arenas, as well as numerous zoos, science centers and aquariums across the nation.
Lighthouse Guild Grants 11 Scholarships

Lighthouse Guild, a leading nonprofit vision and healthcare organization, granted 11 scholarships to students who are legally blind.

The scholarships, which are up to $10,000 each, are based on strong academic accomplishment and merit. They are meant to help high school students attend the college of their choice or for graduate students continue their academic studies.

This year’s recipients are Brielle Yerle of Connecticut, Tian Crossnoe of Arkansas, Joseph Luther Fuller of Kansas, Lauren Schuster of Washington, Trisha Kulkarni of Ohio, Jack McPadden of Massachusetts, Mausam Mehta of Virginia, Mark Ruoff of New Jersey, Sophia Vilim of Illinois, Gillian Ward of Illinois and Mary McLaughlin of Pennsylvania.

Since its inception in 2005, Lighthouse Guild’s scholarship program has awarded more than $2 million to outstanding students from 36 states. Former scholarship recipients have gone on to careers as attorneys, teachers, engineers, chemists, composers, neuroscientists, journalists, computer scientists and in many other diverse fields.

Since inspirational teachers make a big impact on the success of students, especially those who are blind, Lighthouse Guild also recognizes outstanding educators, based on nominations from the students themselves. This year’s Lighthouse Guild Teacher’s Award recipient is Sherry Shuman of Centerville High School in Ohio.

According to Kulkarni, who will be attending Stanford University in the fall, Shuman “was the first teacher who treated me as a student, not as a student who was disabled.”

“Education is the key to opportunity,” said Alan Morse, president of Lighthouse Guild. “We are pleased to help outstanding students who are legally blind advance their studies and open the door to a successful future. We are equally pleased to acknowledge teachers who help students realize their dreams.”

Special Format Summer Reading For Print-Impaired

By Jane Lake

What do Stephen King’s “The Outsider,” “Beach House Reunion” by Mary Alice Monroe and author Michael Ondaatje’s “Warlight” about post-WWII teenagers have in common?

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Titles range from current fiction and non-fiction best-sellers such as “The Female Persuasion” by Meg Wolitzer and “The Restless Wave” by John McCain. There are National Book Award, Pulitzer and Nebula winners in all categories.

Annual membership is $50 for adults; free for youth 21 and under. Here’s the long and short of it.

Bookshare operates under an exception to copyright law called the Chafee Amendment (17 U.S.C. § 121), which allows the organization to provide copyrighted digital books as long as they are available only to people with bona fide print disabilities.

For the most part, the online library offers access to literature and periodicals at about the same time as the print public. Features include text-to-speech in dozens of voices and languages; speed controls for audio pacing; word highlighting; enlarged text to 70 points; and options for background colors and fonts. Digital audio cassettes and Braille formats are also available.

Since 2007 this National Library Service program has been using the latest technology to offer New York Times best-sellers, Caldecott, Hugo award winners, cookbooks, poetry, popular youth series such as Harry Potter and Goosebumps and more. Each title goes through multiple stages of programming to enable visual enhancements and alternate modalities such as audio and Braille.

Using a web browser, Android or iOS app, members open titles using the Bookshare WebReader. Settings automatically format text according to personalized preferences. No specialized equipment is required.

Major publishers such as Random House, Penguin and Scholastic already submit files to Bookshare according to Nick Bowen, the Manager of Customer Service for Benetech.
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Who Should Apply?

Individuals or households who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Qualified applicants will be required to meet additional selection criteria.

Applicants who live in New York City receive a general preference for apartments.

- A percentage of units is set aside for applicants with disabilities:
  - Mobility (5%)
  - Vision/Hearing (2%)
- Preference for a percentage of units goes to:
  - Residents of Brooklyn Community Board 1 (50%)
  - Municipal employees (5%)

### AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

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### Kreyòl Ayisyen


### العربية


### ARABIC

"م criança" بيبس أرمسترونج هاليفيتكلر عن طريق الإنترنت أو بخصوصهم بعد المدة 13 أغسطس 2018."ARABIC"
**Affordable Housing for Rent**

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107 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNITS AT 2980 PARK AVENUE, MELROSE, BRONX


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No application fee • No broker’s fee • Smoke-free building • Pet free building


This building is being constructed through the Extremely Low & Low-Income Affordability Program (ELLA) of the New York City Housing Development Corporation and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

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**Who Should Apply?**

- Individuals or households who meet the income and household size requirements listed in the table below may apply. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after meeting specific criteria.

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¹ Tenant pays electricity.
² Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.
³ Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Address limits apply.

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Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than August 17, 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

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**More Information:**

- Applications are reviewed by HPD and GRA. Final selection is made by the LPAC.

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**HPD Commissioner Maria Torres-Springer**

Mayor Bill de Blasio • HPD Commissioner Maria Torres-Springer • HDC President Eric Enderlin

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¹ Tenants may selectively.
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**اللغة العربية**
Legislation Addresses Shortage of Geriatricians

Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Bob Casey (D-Pa.) recently introduced the Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act (GWIA) to increase the number of health professionals and direct service workers to support our aging population. This bipartisan legislation would reauthorize the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) at $45 million per year during the next five years. It would also reauthorize the Geriatric Academic Career Awards program (GACA) at $6 million per year. The number of Americans aged 65 and older is growing rapidly. Maine is reaching an aging milestone faster than other states, with the number of seniors projected to outnumber those younger than age 18 for the first time in U.S. history. "The United States is facing a critical shortage of geriatric health professionals and direct service workers to support our aging population," said Collins. "We need 20,000 geriatricians to meet the needs of older Americans, yet there are fewer than 7,300. If we remain on our current trajectory, this shortfall will only grow worse. Together, GWEP and GACA would develop a high-quality geriatric workforce ready to provide care for Americans as we grow older. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation that would improve geriatric education for our current workforce, while optimizing resources to bolster academic careers in geriatrics."

Fewer than 7,300 of our nation's nearly one million physicians are currently board-certified geriatricians. The United States would need to train 1,600 geriatricians per year for the next 12 years to reach the 30,000 geriatricians that will be needed by 2030. GWEP is the only federally funded program that exists to educate and train health care professionals in geriatrics. Today there are 44 geriatric workforce enhancement programs or GWEPs in 29 states. GWEP sites include 25 schools of medicine, 10 schools of nursing, five healthcare facilities, two schools of allied health, a school of social work and a certified nurse assistant program. GWEP programs help integrate geriatrics into primary care, train providers to address the needs of older adults, deliver community-based programs, and provide Alzheimer's disease education. GACA programs, which were established in 1998, increase the number of faculty engaged in geriatric education by supporting health care professionals' transition from clinical practice to academic roles. Following a restructuring of the geriatric workforce program, GACA has gone unfunded since 2015. "Pretty much every health care provider in practice, unless he or she is a pediatrician, will encounter an older adult as part of their day-to-day practice, and having the basic understanding of how caring..."
Since January 2017, the health and safety of nursing home residents has become increasingly impaired, according to the Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC).

Nursing home lobbyists have urged the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to eliminate or delay regulations and dramatically reduce enforcement of violations.

LTCCC is concerned that CMS has shown a willingness to follow these lobbyists’ recommendations.

For example, under regulations finalized by the prior administration, nursing homes were obligated to conduct prompt care planning and institute antibiotic stewardship programs by November 2017. Rather than making sure that nursing homes implemented these important protections, the Trump administration complied with lobbyist requests to delay enforcement of these and other requirements, establishing a moratorium until May 2019 on money penalties, even though nursing homes have been on notice of these requirements since September 2018.

Similarly, nursing home lobbyists have attacked a regulation from the previous administration that had prevented nursing homes from obtaining arbitration agreements from residents during the admissions process. In response, the current administration has proposed to rescind that regulation and issue a new regulation that would authorize nursing homes to require arbitration agreements as a condition of being admitted.

LTCCC, Justice in Aging and other close partners created a tracker of industry lobbying and resulting administrative actions, as well as a series of policy alerts providing more detail about the specific protections weakened by industry lobbying. For continual updates visit nursinghome411.org/fighting-the-rollback-of-nursing-home-protections.

The Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC), which collects information on nursing home enforcement actions across New York state, including sanctions for substandard care, abuse and fraud, recently released their latest compilation of sanctions received by state and federal governments for the first quarter of 2018.

Federal civil money penalties were levied against 11 homes.

These are imposed when there is a failure to meet minimum standards for operating a nursing home in the United States. This quarter, the federal penalties ranged from $11,703 for Northwoods Rehab in Moravia to $142,163 for the Saratoga Center in Ballston Spa.

The New York state Department of Health is chiefly responsible for ensuring nursing home safety and quality. It is required to do this through annual facility inspections and complaint investigations.

Eleven nursing homes received state fines, ranging from $2,000 for the Heritage Health Care Center in Oneida to $47,400 for Medford Multi Care in Suffolk County. Medicaid

Overuse Of Antipsychotic Drugs A Concern

According to the Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCC), inappropriate antipsychotic drugging of nursing home residents is a widespread national problem, despite the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) warnings against such protocols.

These drugs are often used as a form of chemical restraint, to make patient care easier for nursing home staff. LTCCC contends that in addition to destroying social and emotional well-being, these drugs greatly increase risk of stroke, heart attack, diabetes, Parkinson’s disease and falls.

They are not clinically indicated for dementia-related psychosis and are associated with a significant increase in death when given to elderly people with dementia.

However, approximately 20 percent of nursing home residents are being given these drugs.

In 1987, the Nursing Home Reform Law prohibited inappropriate drugging and use of chemical restraints, and in 2005 the FDA issued a warning on serious risks of atypical antipsychotic drugs for elderly patients with dementia.

“Too many residents and families are not even made aware of the dangerous potential side-effects of these drugs or the fact that they are not clinically indicated for so-called dementia behaviors,” said Richard Mollot, LTCCC’s executive director.
BROOKLYN ORGANIZATION PROVIDES PARENT SERVICES
My Time Inc in Brooklyn provides many services and supports to parents and caregivers of children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

They offer educational and social training to parents aimed at enhancing their relationship with their child. They also hold workshops and parent social events.

For a detailed list of all services and events visit www.mytimeinc.org.

ADVOCA CY ORGANIZATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN FIGHT
Respectability is looking for grassroots activists and professional partners for advocacy work on behalf of the disabled.

The goal is for volunteer advocates to work with policy makers, educators, self-advocates, nonprofits, employers, faith-based organizations, philanthropists, journalists, entertainment professionals and online media to fight stigmas and advance opportunities for the disabled. For information visit www.respectability.org.

SCI SUPPORT GROUPS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
United Spinal Association and Hollister Inc., teamed up to create a national network of peer support groups for people with spinal cord injuries (SCI) and disorders, as well as their family and friends.

For a list of groups by state visit www.spinalcord.org/spinal-network/support-groups.

ADVOCA CY GROUP LAUNCHES ONLINE NEWSLETTER
The Disability Relations Group is releasing a new online newsletter, “DRG News.”

It will keep readers and advocates apprised of both the progress and the barriers to disability rights. It will include a wide range of topics, such as accessible elections and technology.

To sign up for the newsletter visit www.eepurl.com/dmePmz.

VOLUNTEER COUNCILMEMBER NEEDED FOR NYSILC
New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) is seeking one candidate to serve as a volunteer councilmember for a three-year term.

NYSILC is a nonprofit that develops, monitors and evaluates the statewide plan for independent living for New Yorkers with disabilities.

To apply contact Brad Williams, bradw@nysilc.org.

LOANS AVAILABLE TO HELP PURCHASE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
The National Disability Institute (NDI) provides affordable loans to help people with disabilities purchase assistive technology, such as computer equipment, hearing aids, modified vehicles, scooters, wheelchairs, smart home technology and other items.

For information contact Laurie Schaller, lschaller@ndi-inc.org.

CONSULTANT PROVIDES WORKSHOPS ON VARIOUS TOPICS
Gary Shulman provides interactive workshops for professionals and family members of people with disabilities at venues such as schools and various organizations.

Topics can include support services and coping strategies for caregivers, effective communication techniques for professionals and parents, skills for foster parents to communicate with birth parents and case managers, options for summertime, inclusion in mainstream programs, transition to adulthood, developmental milestones, recreation, socialization, benefits and entitlements, teens, attention deficit disorders and autism.

For information call Shulman, 646-596-5642.

MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS
The Quell Foundation is offering two types of student scholarships.

Their survivor scholarship is awarded to students who have experienced the loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling to suicide.

Their fighter scholarship is for students diagnosed with mental health conditions.

Funding for each runs between $500 to $1,500. Applications are at thequellfoundation.org/#shaping.

DISABILITY GROUP RELEASES REPORT ON IMPRISONMENT
A new white paper, “Disability and Criminal Justice Reform: Keys to Success” was released by the nonprofit disability organization RespectAbility.

It makes recommendations to reduce the disproportionate number of people with disabilities who end up in jail and how to help them once they are released.

The disability group, with the largest membership of people with disabilities at venues such as schools and various organizations.


NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR AUCD AWARDS
The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is accepting nominations for its annual awards, which recognize individuals, programs and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made outstanding contributions to people with disabilities.

Submissions due by July 31. For details on the 10 award categories visit www.aucd.org/conference.

GUILD FOR THE BLIND AT FOUR NEW YORK LOCATIONS
The Lighthouse Guild is a nonprofit for people who are blind or visually impaired, with locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Westchester and Albany.

They provide medical and behavioral services as well as vision rehabilitation, employment, adaptive technology training, independent living skills, special education for children, support groups, advocacy and college scholarships.

For information visit www.lighthouseguild.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS
Applications are being accepted for the New York State Independent Living Council (NYSILC) Patricio Pat Figueroa scholarships.

They are awarded to young adults ages 18 to 28, to defray the cost of attending conferences, training seminars and other events that will enhance their leadership abilities.

To apply contact Brad Williams, bradw@nysilc.org.

HHS ADMINISTRATOR TO KEYNOTE AT AUTISM CONFERENCE
The 50th annual Autism Society national conference will take place in Washington, D.C., July 10 to 12. The keynote speaker will be Mary Lazare, the principal deputy administrator for the Administration for Community Living at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She will discuss health, Medicaid, long-term services and caregiving.

For details visit www.autism-society.org.

ABLE ACCEPTS EVENT AND PROGRAM INFORMATION
Able Newspaper will print event and program information from agencies when space permits.

Send items to www.ablenews@aol.com.
Hand Cycle Training 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Burke’s Main Hospital Building, #7, 785 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. For information contact Aoudheusden@burke.org. Also July 10, 17, 24 & 31

Metropolitan Parents’ Center: Education Advocacy Workshop 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sinergia, 208 2 Lexington, 4th floor #333. For information call Godfrey Rivera 212 643-2840, ext 307. Also July 10, 17, 24 & 31

Tuesday Art Sampler 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at ICS, 25 Elm Pl., 5th floor, Brooklyn. For information call Latria James 718 907-1622. Also July 9, 16, 23 & 30

Creative Writing Circle for seniors and adults with physical disabilities 5 to 8:30 p.m. at ICS, 257 Park Ave. S., Second floor. For information call Latria James 718 907-1622. Also July 10, 17, 24 & 31

TBI Support Group 12:30 to 2 p.m. at BCID, 27 Smith St., #200, Brooklyn. For information call 718 995-3000. Also July 17

Advocacy Training: Who is Looking Out for Your Rights? 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Axis Project, 1325 Fifth Ave., Manhattan. For information contact info@wheelingforward.org. Also July 10, 17, 24 & 31

Memory Arts Café free art events for people living with Alzheimer’s, caregivers and public 6 p.m. at NY Memory Center, 199 14 St., Brooklyn. For information call 718 499-7701. JULY 7

Peer Support Group 1 to 3 p.m. at BCID, 27 Smith St., Brooklyn. For information call 718 995-3000. Also July 12, 19 & 26

Writing Workshop 4 to 6 p.m. at CIDNY 841 Broadway #301 13-14 Sts. For information call Eva Eason 646 442-4156. Also July 12, 19 & 26

Friday Night Hangout for seniors and adults with physical disabilities 5 to 8:30 p.m. at ICS, 25 Elm Pl., 5th floor, Brooklyn. For information call Latria James 718 907-1622. Also July 13, 20 & 27

Civic League of the Disabled 1 p.m., ICS 25 Elm St, Brooklyn, Fulton-Livingstone. For information call 347 503-9032.

Family Legos: Imagine It! Build It! For children and teens with and without disabilities 1 to 3 p.m. at Flatlands Library, 2065 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn. For information call 718 253-9498. Also July 14

Heightened Senses: Take a Tour with Detailed Description & Touch noon to 1 p.m., at the Rubin Museum, Manhattan. For information visit www.rubinnmuseum.org/form/verbal/tourrsvp.

Movie Club, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at NAMI, 505 Eighth Ave., 35 St., #1103. For information call 212 684-3365.

Adult Support Group 6:45 p.m. at NY Branch IDA, 71 W. 23 St. #1527. For information call 212 691-1930.

Law Clinic for people with ID & DD 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BCID, 27 Smith St., #200 Brooklyn. For information call 718 995-3000.


The Largest Minority Radio Show 9 to 10 p.m. presenting news and views of people living with disabilities on WBAI 99.5 FM. Also July 25

Disabled in Action Meeting, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Selis Manor, first floor auditorium, 135 West 23rd Street. For information call 718 261-3737.

Lupus Alliance of Long Island/Queens Support Group meets once a month on Tuesday nights 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Flushing. For information call 516 802-3142.

Disabled Queers 1 to 3 p.m. at the LBGT Community Center, 298 West 13 St., Manhattan. For information call 718 389-8180

To have your event or meeting listed, send information to www.ablenews@aol.com. The deadline for calendar items is the 10th day of the month preceding the date of publication. Calendar items will be accepted only if they have a specific date.
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RE-OPENING WAITING LIST

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- Residents of Bronx Community Board 2 (50%)
- Municipal employees (5%)
- Vision- or hearing-disabled applicants (2%)
- Mobility-disabled applicants (5%)

A percentage of units is set aside for:

- Formerly homeless individuals and families (20%)
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Rent includes gas for cooking.

1 Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

2 Household income includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

3 Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits apply.

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Spanish

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简体中文

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العربية

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QUEENS WOODSIDE RE-OPENING WAITING LIST

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SHORTAGE ADDRESSED FOR HEALTH PROS
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care of people who are younger
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choices about treatment,” said
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Northwest Geriatrics Work-
force Enhancement Center.
“These programs are of vital
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workforce and family caregiv-
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but, unfortunately, it still exists.
In spite of that, PWDs and
the organizations that represent
them continue to educate, ca-
jole, persuade and force change.
Nondiscrimination used to mean
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“Pluto” was published April
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SWM’70, seeks nice lady for companionship to spend quality time with. I live in Babylon Township. In your response include you telephone number, NS. A384

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**ELEVATOR SETTLEMENT**

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successful advocacy for elevators that will be installed at the New York Stock Exchange.

“We are the largest minority, and we are found in every single segment of our society and every nation in the world,” said Schweinsburg. “Most people not already part of the disability community are but an accident, an illness or a few years away from joining the disability community. So where is the outrage? What other minority would find it acceptable to be told “You can’t enter here. You can only enter there. You can’t leave where you want to, you must leave only where we tell you.”

**EMPLOYMENT GAINS CONTINUE**

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SINGLE PAYER HEALTH PLAN PASSES ASSEMBLY

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also seek federal waivers that will allow New York to completely fold those programs into New York Health. The local share of Medicaid funding would be ended, offering major property tax relief for New Yorkers.

“1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East has been fighting for decades for universal healthcare coverage for New Yorkers,” said George Gresham, president of 1199SEIU. “At a time when national politicians are turning back the clock, attacking funding for health coverage and undermining protections for consumers, we applaud the New York state Assembly for moving us forward. Under the leadership of Speaker Carl Heastie and Health Committee Chair Assemblymember Gottfried, we are hopeful that our state can reach our goal of universal healthcare coverage for New Yorkers to contact Sens. Chuck Schumer (D) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D), as well as their congressional representative to voice their input, concerns and care providers to assure ongoing refinement of the entire mechanism for providing and paying for healthcare.”

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DEADLINE FOR MONITORING SYSTEM NEARS

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consumers, choose a system, and for proper training of everyone who will be involved in the system that is eventually chosen.

In addition, accessibility of the system to all disability groups must be taken into consideration before choosing a system.

The EVV system verifies the type of service provided, the date of service, location of the service, the individual providing the service, the individual receiving the service and timeline of service.

Possible system choices may be through the internet, telephone, mobile app, GPS or biometric.

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Summit planners are also accepting proposals from professionals who would like to be presenters, as well as designers and manufacturers who would like to have an exhibitor booth. For information visit www.americancanoe.org/Adaptive_Summit.

Participants from the 2018 Para Swimming Technical Education Summit in Colorado also served as volunteers for the Jimi Flowers swim meet, held annually in honor of the late U.S. Paralympics resident team coach and national team manager. The volunteers came from Aruba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama and Puerto Rico to keep the meet running smoothly. However, they are more than just helpers, since these individuals were also there for the summit hosted by U.S. Paralympics.

The swimming officials were at the Olympic Training Center for two days of courses for the summit and two days of practical application as they assisted at the Jimi Flowers Classic. This is the first time U.S. Paralympics has hosted this event, and it came out of a grant received by the Agitos Foundation, the development arm of the International Paralympic Committee. The goal is to increase the number of trained national coaches and officials across the Americas.
More than 1,100 athletes ages 5 through 21 competed at the 34th annual Victory Challenge Games in Nassau County. Athletes won medals in track and field, archery, table tennis, swimming and wheelchair basketball May 31 through June 2.
National Champs Named At Cycling Event

Completing a sweep in the tandem class was Chester Triplett of North Carolina and pilot Stephen Pedone of Arizona. Seven other athletes won gold in the road race and time trial titles, including Billy Lister of New York, In the road race handcycle relay, Groulx, and Ryan Pinney and David Berling both of Arizona, secured the gold medal. "It was really hard racing. I have to give a lot of commendation to USA Cycling and U.S. Paralympics Cycling for working really well together and putting some really hard courses together out there for us," said Lister.

Basketball Assoc. Launches Initiative

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) has announced the inaugural NWBA Champion’s Circle, a program for individuals who want to increase the impact and awareness of wheelchair basketball through fundraising and other initiatives. Additionally, the NWBA Champion’s Circle members will serve in an advisory capacity to the organization.

They are high-level professionals with a wide range of expertise to advise the organization to sustain the growth of the sport and serve as ambassadors for wheelchair basketball nationally.

National Wheelchair Games Set

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, co-presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America, will be held July 30 to Aug. 4 in Florida.

The athletes are veterans with spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, amputations and other central neurological impairments. Participation in the program increases health and quality of life through wheelchair sports and recreation. "We are excited about the launch of the NWBA Champion’s Circle and the opportunity for growth in the organization. The Champion’s Circle allows us to not only have important dialogue with experts in their respective fields and also advocate on behalf of the organization as well," said Anthony Bartkowski, NWBA executive director.

The NWBA trains and selects teams for participation in the Paralympic Games, World Championships and other international competitions. It was founded in 1948, and today consists of eight divisions.