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Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Presenters:

Social Security Administration, Office of Data Exchange and Policy Publications (ODEPP): Stephen Evangelista, Associate Commissioner
Paul Davies, Senior Advisor
Laura Haltzel, Deputy Associate Commissioner

Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR):

Terrie Gruber, Deputy Commissioner
Gerald Ray, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Appellate Operations (OAO)

Social Security Administration, Office of the Chief Actuary:

Steve Goss, Chief Actuary
Karen Glenn, Deputy Chief Actuary

Social Security Administration, Office of Systems:

Rob Klopp, Deputy Commissioner

The Board met with Stephen Evangelista, Paul Davies, and Laura Haltzel from the Office of Data Exchange and Policy Publications (ODEPP). The overall presentation was concentrated on data exchange issues such as requests and agreements, current workload of the office and an overview of the process.

The Board met with Terrie Gruber and Gerald Ray from the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR). Ms. Gruber provided an update on CARES (A Plan for Compassionate and Responsive Service). Judge Ray gave a demonstration of the Natural Language Processing Software, a program that can take unstructured decision text and convert it to structured data to aid in the disability decision making process

The Board met with Steve Goss and Karen Glenn from the Office of the Chief Actuary. Mr. Goss spoke to the Board about the recently released 2016 Trustees Report. He focused on the status of the OASDI trust funds, falling disability applications, the projected shortfall and the workforce participation and projections.

The Board met with Rob Klopp from the Office of Systems for an update to the SSA Systems overhaul. Mr. Klopp explained the three step modernization plan SSA is undertaking; creating a new database, changing the SSA business process, and integrating to a cloud system.

I certify that the minutes written for the June 23, 2016 meeting of the Social Security Advisory Board are correct.



Henry J. Aaron