

QUARTERLY REPORT FORM

Social Security Task Force July to September 2006

Task Force Actions Taken This Quarter

In July, the Social Security Task Force met with several other CCD task forces to develop a CCD position on issues surrounding efforts to change the current Social Security definition of disability. Many members of the task force attended a July 2006 forum held by the Social Security Advisory Board (SSAB) on this issue. A letter was sent to the SSAB describing the basic principles developed at the CCD meeting. The co-chairs, along with co-chairs of other relevant CCD task forces, met with members and staff of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Panel.

The task force has raised concerns about potential congressional cuts in the President's fiscal year 2007 budget request. In late September, the co-chairs sent a letter to Senate leadership urging that the President's proposed SSA budget request be fully funded.

Task Force Agenda:

The task force continues to work with other interested organizations and Congressional staff who seek full funding of SSA's proposed budget for FY 2007. A letter to Senate leadership is being prepared for sign-ons by all CCD organizations.

The task force is continues to focus on the SSAB report issued in September 2006, *A Disability Systems for the 21st Century*. An in-depth response to this report will be sent to the SSAB when it is completed.

We also continue to monitor the new SSA disability claims process, Disability Service Improvement (DSI), which began on August 1, 2006, in SSA Region I states. A checklist for issues to monitor has been developed. In late September, two of the task force co-chairs attended a meeting with SSA officials. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on DSI implementation and to answer questions raised by disability advocates.

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