



**ERIE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED
ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 20, 2019
Room 905-Rath Building**

In Attendance: Dennis Martinez, Andrew Marcum, Pati Ann Guzinski, Hall Lewis, Kimberly Bandura, Fran Moyer, Andrea Russell, Tracy Fricano Chalmers, Rich Marino, Laurie Schaller (National Disability Institute).

- Introductions
- Speaker Laurie Schaller from the national Disability Institute
 - National and statewide initiatives
 - Dis. Resource Coordinator
 - Discussed ABLE Accounts
 - ABLE Accounts available in NYS
 - up to \$520K in NYS
 - allows people who work to save money
 - does not impact SNAP, HUD, AccessVR benefits
 - Significant Disability
 - Receive SSI, SSD prior to 26
 - Born Blind or Deaf
 - Developmentally Disabled
 - Gross Tax Free
 - Assistive Technology
 - Covers NJ and NYS
 - loans available for Assistive Technology devices
 - Webinar 9/26/2019
- Preparedness Month
 - Build Family Plan
 - Youth Preparedness
 - Community Engagement
 - Encourage Response Drills
 - Last rabies Clinic
 - SMSD POD Plan
 - ESF Meeting

- Looking for closed POD partners
- EOC discussion
- Drills- need actors/ people with disabilities would be great to have
- Ready App
- Energy Mgt. Inst. Site- managed thru FEMA
 - Active shooter course
- Hal Lewis discussed Voting Event and Disability History Event
- Kim bandura discussed NFB has an outreach site, Frank will contact Mike about coming to talk at outreach site, White cane Awareness day is 10/15/19
- Andrea Russell discussed E2 event, Library day, ArcErie County workshops, and Travel training videos with SANYS informing on rights to public transportation.
- Fran Moyer discussed the Disability Fairs and Erie Community College campus'
- Rich Marino discussed the Spread the word

**Next Meeting will be October 18, 2019
10:00 am Rath Building Room 805**