

**Social Security Advisory Board  
Minutes  
Board Meeting  
July 14, 2010**

**Location:** 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 625  
Washington, D.C. 20024

**Time:** 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**SSAB\_Members:** Barbara Kennelly, Chair (A)  
Dana Bilyeu (by telephone)  
Jagadeesh Gokhale  
Dorcas Hardy  
Marsha Katz,  
Mark Warshawsky

**Presenters:** David Rust, Deputy Commissioner, Retirement and Disability Policy  
Richard Balkus, Associate Commissioner for Program Development and  
Research  
Manuel de la Puente, Associate Commissioner for Research, Evaluation,  
and Statistics  
Dan O'Brien, Acting Associate Commissioner, Office of Employment  
Support Programs  
Sheila Everett, Office of Disability Programs  
Paul O'Leary, Project Director, Ticket to Work Evaluation, Office of  
Program Development and Research

**SSAB\_Staff:** Katherine Thornton, Staff Director  
Debi Sullivan, Deputy Staff Director  
Joel Feinleib  
Dean Hunter, Summer Intern  
Beverly Rollins  
George Schuette  
David Warner

**During its executive session the Board focused on a variety of issues,** including participation in the October conference of the Association of Administrative Law Judges, the September Board meeting, and current and future Board projects.

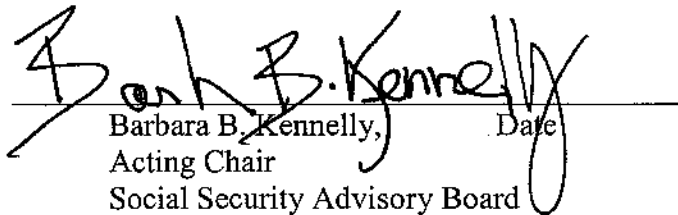
**During its first meeting of the day the Board met with Paul O'Leary and Dan O'Brien to discuss the evaluation of the Ticket to Work program.** Results of the analysis show that, those people who say they want to work are more likely to become employed than those who are not work-oriented. These individuals are more likely to have earnings at some point in each of the four years following first employment. In addition, they are more likely to have higher earnings than those who are not work-oriented. About 5 percent of non-work-oriented beneficiaries actually do work, compared to 21 percent who are work-oriented. Work-oriented beneficiaries are also more likely to leave cash benefits and stay off longer. Results also show that those

individuals who exit for work stay off the rolls for many months. Once beneficiaries exit for work, they spend most months that follow off benefits. The drop for SSI beneficiaries is faster and more erratic than for Social Security Disability Insurance. Those served under the Ticket program have better long-term outcomes.

**During lunch, the Board met by videoconference with Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue.** Commissioner Astrue briefed the Board on the status of: SSA's workloads, the agency's new computer center, SSA's strategic planning efforts, and reinstating the reconsideration into the disability determination process.

**In the afternoon the Board met with David Rust, Richard Balkus, Manuel de la Puente and Sheila Everett to get an update on SSA's retirement and disability policy research.** SSA's extramural research is conducted primarily by the three organizations that make up SSA's Retirement Research Consortium. The agency's 2011 research agenda is linked to SSA's policy needs and strategic objectives, and emphasizes three goals: an increased number of disability research proposals, an increased number of research proposals that use an interdisciplinary approach, and stronger ties between the RRC research projects and SSA's policy needs and strategic objectives. SSA's intramural research includes its work with the Current Population Survey, the Work Incentives Simplification Proposal, and a look at the relationship between Supplemental Security Income and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The agency has also established an Integrated Disability Process Group to figure out how to simplify and clarify the Social Security disability programs.

I certify that the minutes written for  
July 14, 2010 meeting of the Social Security  
Advisory Board are correct.

  
Barbara B. Kennelly,      Date  
Acting Chair  
Social Security Advisory Board