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- [1. Opportunity – July 1, 2014 deadline - VOR Board and Committee Service](#)

VOR's strength rests on the time, talent and ingenuity of our board and committee members, with much of the work getting done in committee.

VOR has a number of standing committees and we'd like to make sure that VOR members have the opportunity to indicate interest to serve on the committee(s) that reflects your interests and availability.

We are also seeking candidates for VOR's Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2015.

[More details, including a request form with Committee descriptions, is available on VOR's website. Selections will be made by the end of next week, so if you are interested, please submit your form by July 1, 2014.](#)

Thank you!

- 2. Free Webinar: The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – Current Status Toward Ratification and Why It Is Important**

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American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

Disclaimer: This webinar opportunity, sponsored by AAIDD, is being shared by VOR for informational purposes only and not meant to endorse or oppose any particular position. VOR has not taken a position on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Join the US International Council on Disability (USICD) and the Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF) for updates about the campaign for US ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and how you can help take action!

The webinar will include an overview on the disability treaty as well as steps required for ratification in the 113th Congress.

[Register here](#)

3. Families stand up for rights of people with disabilities, including autism, on Capitol Hill

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Americans with profound developmental disabilities, including autism, are being seriously threatened by the closure of their homes and reduction of services due a shift in government policy that dictates where people with profound disabilities should receive care, without regard to individual choice and level of need. In response, VOR members from around the country came together at VOR's Annual Conference and Congressional Initiative.

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STATE NEWS ROUNDUP: HEADLINES

Georgia

[Group homes still stir debate - 15 years after ruling, Georgia struggles with care for disabled. Did move from state hospitals help or hurt? \(Atlanta Journal Constitution, June 21, 2014; Print headlines: Mentally disabled suffer in moves from Georgia institutions - State unlikely to meet deadline from federal settlement](#)

Georgia

[Olmstead Anniversary Celebrated Amid Report on Deaths in Community Group Homes \(NPR, June 24, 2014\)](#)

New Jersey

[Bills that delay moving disabled from out-of-state \(only\) institutions, halt transfers, wins final passage \(NJ.com, June 26, 2014\)](#)

[Money grab puts disabled New Jersey Residents at Risk \(Editorial\) \(The Trentonian, June 12, 2014\)](#)

[Video: Advocates for disabled say closing disability centers may result in more deaths \(featuring VOR's Cindy Bartman and Geoff Dubrowsky\) \(NITVNEWS, June 10, 2014\)](#)

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[Lawmakers scramble after bill to halt moving disabled from institutions hits roadblock](#) (*NJ.com*, June 25, 2014)

Massachusetts

[Abuse and neglect found to have caused serious injury to group home resident](#) (*COFAR Blog*, June 18, 2014)

Wyoming

[As cuts loom, parents are desperate for more disability funding - State juggles \\$205M program for the developmentally disabled](#) (*Casper Star Tribune*, June 23, 2014)

New York

[Following Closure of Broome Developmental Center Lawmakers Say Safeguards Must Be in Place](#) (*Time Warner News*, June 23, 2014)

[Legislature seeks to keep Broome Developmental Center open](#) (*PressConnects*, June 19, 2104)

[State Lawmaker Donna Lupardo to Lobby Washington over Institutional Beds](#) (*WICZ (Fox 40)*, June 24, 2014)

Louisiana

[Access to health care problematic for disabled of rural northeastern Louisiana](#) (*The News Star*, May 14, 2014)

Texas

[Uncertain Future at Institutions for Disabled Texans](#) (*Texas Tribune*, June 3, 2014)

NATIONAL NEWS ROUNDUP: HEADLINES

[Senator Harkin Calls For Expansion Of Community-Based Services: Introduces Community Integration Act \(S. 2515\)](#) (*Disability Scoop*, June 24, 2014)

[Medicaid Funds Increasingly Going To Community-Based Services](#) (*Disability Scoop*, May 27, 2014)

[Full report: Medicaid Expenditures for Long-Term Services and Supports in FFY 2012](#) (*CMS*, April 28, 2014)

[The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Sheltered Workshop Eligibility May Soon Be Limited For Kids Leaving School](#) (*Disability Scoop*, June 26, 2014)

[Doctors' Ignorance Stands In The Way Of Care For The Disabled](#) (*NPR*, May 17, 2014)

[Supreme Court Strikes Down Law Setting Strict I.Q. Limit for Execution](#) (*NBC News*, May 27, 2014)

[Mental Health News: The cost of not caring: Nowhere to go - The Financial and Human Toll for Neglecting the Mentally Ill](#) (*USA Today*, May 12, 2014)

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[Mental Health News: The divide over involuntary mental health treatment](#) (NPR, May 29, 2013)

[Autism News: 8 vital questions to ask when interviewing providers](#) (National Autism Network Blog, February 28, 2014)

[AARP: Raising Expectations - A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Adults, People with Physical Disabilities, and Family Caregivers](#) (AARP, June 19, 2014)

Quotable

"Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." - Albert Einstein

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Calendar Reminders:

Sunday, October 5, 2014

American Health Care Association's 2014 ID/DD Residential Services Day during AHCA/NCAL's 65th Annual Convention & Expo at the Gaylord National Harbor just outside of Washington, DC. Registration information and the schedule can be found [here](#).

Archives

*** Thursday, March 20, 2014**

[VOR's "Regional Meetings: The Need for Advocates to Act Global and Local" Webinar.](#)

***Social Media Strengths: Using Facebook and Twitter to Advance Your Cause (VOR, July 2013).** [Visit VOR's website for a copy of the powerpoint presentation and an audio of the event.](#)

*** How Congress Works Webinar: [Recorded - Listen Here](#).** Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - 12:00 pm central / 1:00 pm eastern. How Congress Works: The Basics. Hosted by Peter Kinzler and Larry Innis.

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