

**Statewide Employment Project (STEP) Virtual Meeting  
Friday, March 5, 2021**

This year's meeting will focus on pandemic-related topics and implementation of criminal record reform laws that were passed in 2020. We hope you will find these topics useful and timely!

**9:00 - noon UC/PUA issues**

- Updates on UC/PUA
- Best practices for UC telephone hearings
- Contesting overpayments
- Benefits Modernization

*Julia Simon-Mishel*, Philadelphia Legal Assistance

*Aaron Sommer*, Philadelphia Legal Assistance

*Rachel Miller*, Philadelphia Legal Assistance

**Lunch break**

**1:00 – 2:00 Clean Slate II (and III?)**

This session will include discussion of implementation of Act 83, which eliminated the requirement that fines and costs be paid before cases can be sealed, but does still require restitution to be paid. Learn ways to avoid having restitution debt sink your client. We will also look at prospects for felony sealing.

*Sharon Dietrich*, Community Legal Services

*Jamie Gullen*, Community Legal Services

**2:00 – 2:30 Occupational license reform implementation**

This session will provide an update on how the Department of State and the licensing boards are implementing Act 53 and how the law affects your clients.

*Brendan Lynch*, Community Legal Services

2:30 – 3:30    **Pandemic-related employment law tools**

For our clients who are working or trying to keep their jobs, occupational health and safety takes on a new urgency. This session will focus on the OSH tools you can use, while also touch on leave rights.

*Nina Menniti*, Justice at Work

*Liz Chacko*, Justice at Work

*Marielle Macher*, Community Justice Project