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SUBJECT: Selection of Chairpersons and Members for the 26th Institute on
Rehabilitation Issues (IRI) Prime Study Groups

CONTENT: The purpose of this Information Memorandum is to inform you of my
selections of chairpersons and members for the 26th IRI prime study
groups. This year we received an enthusiastic response to our request
for nominations. Accordingly, a greater number of individuals than usual
were not selected for participation. We greatly appreciate the response
and interest shown by the vocational rehabilitation community to serve on
this year's study groups.

The selections include a broad variety of individuals from throughout the
rehabilitation field who possess the knowledge and expertise on the topical
areas and who will thoroughly discuss the pertinent issues and then
develop the IRI publications. I hope that you join me in congratulating
those persons appointed to the three prime study groups for the 26th IRI.

Attached is a listing for each study group that contains the university
coordinator, the city where the first two meetings will be conducted, the
chairperson and the study group members. The university coordinators will
begin to make arrangements for the first meetings of the study groups in
the near future.

The National IRI Forum will be held in Washington, DC on May 7–9, 2000, at which time the study groups will present their draft documents.

The IRI represents a collaborative effort among RSA, CSAVR and the RRCEPs in developing a linkage between knowledge development and practitioner utilization. It is through this combined effort that we hope to strengthen this linkage and to improve the dissemination and utilization of the IRI publications. The IRI publications are important resources useful in improving the employment of Americans with disabilities.

If you have any questions regarding this Information Memorandum, please contact Mr. Charles Sadler at (202) 205-9286, or via email at Charles_Sadler@ed.gov.

Fredric K. Schroeder (signed)

Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D.
Commissioner

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cc: NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING
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Twenty-Sixth Institute on Rehabilitation Issues

I. Effective Strategies to Improve the Achievement of Employment for Individuals who are SSI/SSDI Participants

University Coordinator
Daniel McAlees, Director, RRCEP V CRP
University of Wisconsin at Stout

Meeting city: Washington, DC

John Halliday – Chairperson
Director, Connecticut Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Study Group Members

Richard Kosmo – Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Valerie Walker – Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services
Kathleen Daley – Utah Division of Rehabilitation Services
Dan O'Brien – Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
Joseph Tomasko – New Jersey Commission f/t Blind & Visually Impaired
Peter Baird – Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Joseph Hickman – SSA Representative
Thomas P. Golden – Cornell University – ILR Program on Employment and Disability
Scott A. Lay – Oregon – Senior and Disabled Services Division
John Rio – NY – Corporation for Supportive Housing
Mary S. Davis – VR Program Specialist, RSA Central Office
Edna Johnson – VR Program Specialist, RSA Central Office

II. The Family as a Critical Partner in the Achievement of a Successful Employment Outcome

University Coordinator
Jeanne Miller, Director, RRCEP VI
University of Arkansas

Meeting city: Atlanta, Georgia

Elizabeth Parker – Chairperson
Administrator, District of Columbia Rehabilitation Services Administration

Study Group Members

Alfaye Woods – Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Gene Oulvey – Illinois Office of Rehabilitation Services
Brenda Bercegeay – Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
Frank Herron – New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Linda Quarles – Indiana VR Services, Blind & Visually Impaired Division
Nancy Soper – Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
Paul W. Power – University of Maryland
Deborah Leuchovius – Minnesota, PACER Center
Sharon Baker – University of Tulsa
Karyl Jefferson – Washington, Lummi Nation VR Program
Thomas E. Finch – Director, Special Projects Division, RSA Central Office
Darlo J. Koldenhoven – VR Program Specialist, RSA Region IV

III. Using the Internet as a Resource to the Work of the VR Counselor

University Coordinator
Donald Dew, Director, RRCEP III
George Washington University

Meeting city: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Charles Young – Chairperson
Administrator, Oregon Commission for the Blind

Study Group Members

Roger Raybould – Kentucky Department for the Blind
Donna Ashworth – West Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services
James Sarno – Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
Wayland Billingsley – Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services
James Knauss – Texas Rehabilitation Commission
James O'Brien – Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Robert Stensrud – Drake University – National Rehabilitation Institute
David Brooks – Oklahoma State University – National Clearinghouse
Jeanne Patterson – Florida – Council on Rehabilitation Education
Leon Oehlers – University of Arkansas
Doug Lawton – VR Program Specialist, RSA Region III
Don Barrett – Computer Specialist, Department of Education