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SUBJECT : Selection of Chairpersons and Members for the 27th Institute on
Rehabilitation Issues (IRI) Prime Study Groups

CONTENT : The purpose of this Information Memorandum (IM) is to inform you
of my selections of chairpersons and members for the 27th IRI prime
study groups. Once again, we received an enthusiastic response to
our request for nominations, and a significant number of individuals
were not selected for participation. We greatly appreciate your
continued interest in the IRI.

The selections include a broad variety of individuals from
throughout the rehabilitation field who possess the knowledge and
expertise necessary to develop quality IRI publications that will be
used in training and as technical assistance resources for vocational
rehabilitation personnel. I hope that you join me in congratulating
those persons selected to the three prime study groups for the 27th
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 IRI represents a collaborative effort among RSA, the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) and the Regional Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (RRCEP) in developing a linkage between knowledge development and practitioner utilization. It is through the combined effort of these diverse professionals 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.

Again, we appreciate your support of the IRI and your interest in this year's topics. We encourage you to attend the National IRI Forum that will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel, 1221 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC, on May 7-8, 2001, at which time the study groups will present their draft documents. Prior to the Forum, the George Washington University RRCEP III will be posting registration information on the internet at <http://www.gwu.edu/~rrcep/>.

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

(Fredric K. Schroeder)
Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Attachment

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

I. Succession Planning in a Customer-Focused VR Environment

University Coordinator – Daniel McAlees
RRCEP V CRP
University of Wisconsin at Stout

Chairperson - Robert Burns
Assistant Superintendent, Maryland
Division of Rehabilitation Services

Meeting City: Seattle, Washington

Study Group Members

1. Michael Cook Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Jefferson City, Missouri
2. Paul Dzedzic Western Washington University, Mountlake Terrace, Washington
3. Tom Evenson University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
4. Steve Fusco New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Trenton, New Jersey
5. Margaret Glenn Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
6. Martha Goss Kentucky Department for the Blind, Lexington, Kentucky
7. Kathy Meyer Utah Office of Rehabilitation Services, Salt Lake City, Utah
8. Jeanne Munro Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Olympia, Washington
9. Carolyn Rollins Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
10. Steve Savage Consultant, Franklin, Indiana
11. Kathy West-Evans Rehabilitation Services Administration, Seattle, Washington
12. Mary Wolfe Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Austin, Texas

II. Effective Strategies for Improving Employment Outcomes for Persons with Kidney Failure

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

Chairperson - Charles LaRosa
Administrator, South Carolina Administration
for Vocational Rehabilitation

Meeting City: Kansas City, Missouri

Study Group Members

1. Norma Andres Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Detroit, Michigan
2. Jo Constance Bond District of Columbia Rehabilitation Services Administration, Washington, DC
3. Mary Beth Callahan Consultant, Carrollton, Texas
4. Suzannah Erhart Rehabilitation Services Administration, Kansas City, Missouri
5. Peter Howell South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, west Columbia, South Carolina
6. Ruth Kaluski New York International Center for the Disabled, New York, New York
7. Ivette Rivera-Ortiz Texas Commission for the Blind, Austin, Texas
8. Mario Passero New York Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, Albany, New York
9. Scott Rasgon Kaiser Permanente Medical Center - Nephrology, Los Angeles, California
10. Robert Stensrud Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
11. Michael Welch Michigan Commission for the Blind, Escanaba, Michigan
12. Elizabeth Witten Witten and Associates, Overland Park, Kansas

III. Providing Vocational Rehabilitation in a Workforce Environment

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

Chairperson - Thomas Jennings
Director, New Jersey Division of
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Meeting City: Boston, Massachusetts

Study Group Members

1. Roger Barton Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
2. Mick Coleman Minnesota Department of Economic Security, St. Paul, Minnesota
3. Joseph Doney Goodwill Industries of Southern New Jersey, Maple Shade, New Jersey
4. Nancy Galloway Texas Commission for the Blind, Austin, Texas
5. Gary Hale Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Boston, Massachusetts
6. Allen Kropp Rehabilitation Services Administration, Portland, Maine
7. Patricia Tomlinson Consultant, Brick, New Jersey
8. Maryanne Langton Rehabilitation Services Administration, Boston, Massachusetts
9. Larry Lottmann Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Austin, Texas
10. Bob Niemiec Kaposia Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota
11. Fredric Nix Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Granger, Indiana
12. Ann Okuley Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Toledo, Ohio
13. Mike Zelley Michigan Workforce Development Board, Flint, Michigan