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SUBJECT : Selection of Chairpersons and Members for the 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 in Washington, DC, on May 6-7, 2002, 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 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.

Joanne Wilson
Commissioner

Attachment

cc: NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING
COUNCIL OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
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TWENTY-EIGHTH INSTITUTE ON REHABILITATION ISSUES

I. Distance Education: Opportunities and Issues for the Public Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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

Chairperson – John Wyvill,
Commissioner,
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Meeting City: Seattle, Washington

Study Group Members

1. Christine Marschall US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Washington, DC
2. Kathy West-Evans US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Seattle, Washington
3. Kathe Matrone Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Lansing, Michigan
4. Fred McFarlane San Diego State University, San Diego, California
5. Randall McDaniel Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
6. Deborah Casati Texas Commission for the Blind, Austin, Texas
7. Jean Williams Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Lansing, Michigan
8. Deon Locklin Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
9. Michael O'Brien Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
10. Libby Robb North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Raleigh, North Carolina
11. Larry Dickerson University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas
12. Ruby Riles Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

II. Investing in the Transition of Youth with Disabilities to Productive Careers

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

Chairperson – Carl Brown,
Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee
Division of Rehabilitation Services

Meeting City: Chicago, Illinois

Study Group Members

1. Melodie Johnson US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Washington, DC
2. Janette Shell US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Chicago, Illinois
3. Tai Chan Du George Mason University, Falls Church, Virginia
4. Joan Kester Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
5. Marlene Simon US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Washington, DC
6. Barbara Cheadle National Federation of the Blind, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children, Baltimore, Maryland
7. Renata Adjibodou US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Boston, Massachusetts
8. Al Babich Northland Career Center, Platte City, Missouri
9. Kim Runion New Hampshire Division of Adult Learning and Rehabilitation, Concord, New Hampshire
10. Darlene Britford Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Columbus, Ohio
11. Cinda Johnson University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
12. Carlos Servan Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska

III. Welfare-to-Work for Individuals with Disabilities

University Coordinator – Daniel McAlees,
IRI Team Leader, Continuing Education Center,
University of Wisconsin at Stout

Chairperson – Diana Huerta,
Director, Colorado Division of
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Meeting City: Atlanta, Georgia

Study Group Members

1. Jenn Rigger US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration,
Washington, DC
2. Sue Rankin-White US Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration,
Atlanta, Georgia
3. Allen Lunz Minnesota Rehabilitation Services Branch, Minneapolis, Minnesota
4. Reginald Wells US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on
Developmental Disabilities, Washington, DC
5. Helen Williams US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration,
Washington, DC
6. Sharon Lyle Georgia Division of Rehabilitation Services, Atlanta, Georgia
7. Mark Erlichman California Department of Rehabilitation, Sacramento, California
8. Bruce Solomkin Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with
Disabilities, Poughkeepsie, New York
9. Allison Flanagan-Jessee Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Frankfort,
Kentucky
10. Glenn Young US Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult
Education, Washington, DC
11. Jalnette Harnett University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
12. Alice Creason California Transit Board, Piedmont, California