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MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKERS PROGRAM
NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MIGRANT AND SEASONAL
FARMWORKERS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (NAMSFVR)

SUBJECT: Formation of the National Alliance for Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers
Vocational Rehabilitation (NAMSFVR)

CONTENT: The purpose of this Information Memorandum (IM) is to inform you of the
mission and goals of NAMSFVR.

NAMSFVR is an organization of funded projects under the Rehabilitation
Services Administration (RSA), Section 304 Migrant and Seasonal
Farmworkers Program. The mission of NAMSFVR is “to enhance career,
employment and other opportunities for migrant and/or seasonal
farmworkers with disabilities and their families that will lead to self-
sufficiency by promoting advocacy, collaboration, coordination, and
sharing of knowledge and resources among individuals and other entities
with similar goals.”

The purpose of NAMSFVR is to: advance, improve and educate present
and future projects funded under the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers
Program, as well as help coordinate and facilitate vocational rehabilitation

services for persons with disabilities and their families by providing a variety of services that may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Provide a forum for Directors and Administrators of Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworker rehabilitation projects and others and to study, deliberate, and act upon matters affecting rehabilitation of Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers and their families, with the ultimate goal of expanding the quality of rehabilitation services to Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers with disabilities and their families.
2. Provide a resource for the formulation and expression of collective points of view from RSA Section 304 Project Directors, Administrators and others involved with Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworker rehabilitation on varied issues affecting rehabilitation and its consequences throughout the United States and its territories and to disseminate these views to service providers, related facilities, companies, and other concerned citizens.
3. Provide a basis for communication with related organizations and governmental bodies on matters related to rehabilitation service provisions, education and research.
4. Conduct and/or support research demonstrations leading to an improvement of vocational rehabilitation services for Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers with disabilities and their families.
5. Promote and maintain service outcomes that develop a professional identity for practitioners, workers, or representatives in rehabilitation service provision, education, and administration to Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers with disabilities and their families.
6. Conduct and support efforts to increase the number of former and/or current Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers involved in (and as practitioners of) vocational rehabilitation.

NAMSFVR's membership is open to current and former projects funded under the Section 304 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program. In addition, membership in NAMSFVR is open to any institution or agency whose primary work involves vocational rehabilitation, rehabilitation education, rehabilitation research, the education of Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers and/or their families, or any Migrant and/or Seasonal Farmworkers assistance organizations, consumer/consumer family, students, individuals, and associate.

Further, NAMSFVR is a collaborative effort amongst RSA, the State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies, consumer groups, the Regional

Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (RRCEP), and other stakeholders in the VR program. It is through the combined efforts of representatives from these groups that NAMSFVR members hope to strengthen services to migrant and/or seasonal farmworkers with disabilities and their families.

We would greatly appreciate your support of NAMSFVR. The second annual meeting of NAMSFVR is planned for March 2003 in Washington, DC. We encourage you to attend. For your information, attached is a listing of NAMSFVR board members as well as the general membership. The NAMSFVR web address is: migrant_rehabilitation@eGroups.com.

If you have any questions regarding this IM, please contact Ms. Mary Chambers at (202) 205-8435, or via email at Mary.Chambers@ed.gov.

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