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SUBJECT: Selection of Chairpersons and Members for the Thirty-First
Institute on Rehabilitation Issues (IRI) Primary Study Groups

CONTENT: The purpose of this Information Memorandum (IM) is to inform
you of the selections of the chairpersons and members for the
Thirty-first IRI primary study groups. Please join us in
congratulating the individuals selected to participate on the two
groups. This year's participants, once again, represent the
diversity and expertise of the many stakeholders in the public VR
program. Attached is a list for each study group that contains the
university coordinator, the chairperson, the study group members,
and the city where the first two meetings will be conducted.

The primary purpose for the IRI is to develop publications to use in
training VR professionals, and as technical assistance resources for
VR counselors, consumers, administrators, human resources
development specialists, community-based rehabilitation service
providers, researchers, educators, and policy analysts. IRI
publications are useful in developing an improved understanding
of the complex challenges posed by contemporary vocational
rehabilitation.

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) sponsors the IRI in collaboration with representatives from the State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies, consumer groups, the Regional Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (RRCEP), and other stakeholders in the VR program, in order to develop a linkage between knowledge development and practitioner utilization.

It is through the combined efforts of representatives from these groups that we hope to strengthen this linkage and improve the dissemination and utilization of the IRI publications. For example, it is now possible, by following the process outlined in the IRI publications, for VR counselors to obtain continuing education credits to meet the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) requirements.

We appreciate the support that you have shown for the IRI during its fifty-seven year history, and your interest in sending in topic suggestions and nominations for study group membership. We encourage you to attend the National IRI Forum which will be held at a hotel in the metropolitan Washington, DC area on May 2 - 3, 2005, at which time the two study groups will present their draft documents to the participants at the Forum, who will then have the opportunity to discuss the drafts and to offer constructive criticism. Prior to the Forum, The George Washington University RRCEP III will be posting registration information on its web site at: <http://www.gwu.edu/~rrcep/>

If you have any questions regarding this IM, please contact Mr. Charles Sadler at (202) 245-7514 [voice], (800) 877-8339 [Federal Information Relay Service], or via e-mail at charles.sadler@ed.gov.

Joanne Wilson
Commissioner

Attachment

cc: Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation
National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems
National Council on Independent Living
National Rehabilitation Facilities Coalition

Thirty-First Institute on Rehabilitation Issues

Topic I - Consumer Organizations: Important Resources for Vocational Rehabilitation

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

Chairperson — Greg Trapp
Commissioner, New Mexico
Commission for the Blind

The study group will meet in San Francisco, CA.

Study Group Members

1. Tim Azinger L.I.F.E. Center for Independent Living, Farmington, MO
2. Bryan Bashin Rehabilitation Services Administration, San Francisco, CA
3. Catherine Campisi California Department of Rehabilitation Services, Sacramento, CA
4. Brenda Dunne Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center, Austin, TX
5. Charlene Dwyer Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Madison, WI
6. W. Scott Forbes RCEP V, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
7. Corey Hinds Florida Client Assistance Program, Fort Lauderdale, FL
8. Randy Johnson Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services, Topeka, KS
9. Kay McGill Georgia Department of Labor/Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Atlanta, GA
10. Joyce McNamera Pope American Association of the Deaf-Blind, Silver Spring, MD

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| 11. | Suzanne Mitchell | Rehabilitation Services Administration,
Washington, DC |
| 12. | Michael O'Brien | Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
Olympia, WA |
| 13. | Jeff Rosen | National Council on Disability, Washington, DC |

Topic II - Leading and Managing Change in Public Vocational Rehabilitation

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

Chairperson — Stephen Wooderson
Administrator, Iowa Division of
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The study group will meet in Baltimore, MD.

Study Group Members

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| 1. | Diane Dalmasse | Vermont Vocational Rehabilitation Division,
Burlington, VT |
| 2. | Burt Danovitz | Resource Center for Independent Living, Utica, NY |
| 3. | Paul Dzedzic | Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation,
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| 4. | Deana Graham | Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center, Austin, TX |
| 5. | Frank Lloyd | Nebraska Division of Rehabilitation Services,
Omaha, NE |
| 6. | Deon Locklin | RRCEP IV, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA |
| 7. | Kathy Meyer | Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, Salt Lake City,
UT |
| 8. | Linda Mock | Oregon Commission for the Blind, Portland, OR |
| 9. | Debra Moses | South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation
Department, West Columbia, South Carolina |

10. Linda Parker Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services,
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11. David Quisenberry Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
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