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SUBJECT: Selection of Chairpersons and Members for the Thirty-Second
Institute on Rehabilitation Issues 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 Institute on Rehabilitation Issues (IRI) primary study
groups. Please join us in congratulating the individuals selected to
participate on the two groups. Attached is a list for each study
group that contains the names of the universities coordinating the
groups, the chairpersons, and the study group members.

The primary purpose for the IRI is to develop publications to be
used 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 (RRCEPs), 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 download copies of the IRI documents at the university coordinators' web sites, and 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-eight 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 the Crystal City Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia on May 8-9, 2006, 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.

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Thirty-Second Institute on Rehabilitation Issues

Topic I – Rehabilitation of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

University Coordinator —
The George Washington University

Chairperson — Donald R. Uchida
Deputy Director
Utah Office of Rehabilitation

Study Group Members

1. Katy Chaffee
Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Burlington, Vermont
2. Thomas Duffy
State University of New York at Buffalo
Buffalo, New York
3. Lee Grossman
Autism Society of America
Bethesda, Maryland
4. David L. Holmes
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey
5. Anna Hundley
Autism Treatment Center, Inc.
Dallas, Texas
6. Robert Oppermann
South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department
Anderson, South Carolina
7. Cathy Pratt
Indiana Resource Center for Autism
Bloomington, Indiana
8. Carol Quirk
Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education, Inc.
Hanover, Maryland
9. Stephen Shore
Consultant
Brookline, Massachusetts
10. Michael R. Smith
Employment Services for the Groden Network
Providence, Rhode Island
11. Ruth C. Sullivan
Autism Services Center
Huntington, West Virginia
12. Lucille Zeph
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Topic II – The VR-Business Partnership

University Coordinator —
University of Arkansas

Chairperson — Peggy Anderson
State Coordinator of Business Partnerships
Alabama Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Study Group Members

1. Hugh Bradshaw
Vermont Association of Business and Industry
Williston, Vermont
2. Craig R. Colvin
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee
3. Dan R. Dickerson
Consultant
Springfield, Illinois
4. John P. Evans
Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Seattle, Washington
5. Gil Johnson
American Foundation for the Blind
San Francisco, California
6. Tom W. Minta
Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services
Chicago, Illinois
7. Robert Moore
Michigan Division of Rehabilitation Services
Lansing, Michigan
8. Connie O'Brien
Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
Columbus, Ohio
9. Dana Rosanelli
SunTrust Bank
Richmond, Virginia
10. Sally Siewert
Georgia State University
Atlanta, Georgia
11. Stephanie Vinson
North Carolina Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation
Anderson, South Carolina
12. Jerry Wood
Minnesota Rehabilitation Services Division
Saint Paul, Minnesota