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OVR Invites Public to Comment on State Plan

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) announces a period of public comment throughout the commonwealth on the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Combined Agency State Plan Attachments.

In Pennsylvania, vocational rehabilitation services are provided by OVR through a network of 21 local District Offices and the Hiram G. Andrews Center (HGAC). OVR has 15 District Offices organized under its Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (BVRS) and six offices under its Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS).

The opportunity to provide comment is for individuals, advocates, and other interested parties and/or organizations to present their views and recommendations on the draft Combined Agency State Plan Attachments regarding Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services for persons with disabilities. OVR is soliciting comments regarding the following State Plan components: input and recommendations of the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council; comprehensive system of personnel development; annual estimate of individuals to be served and costs of services; OVR's goals and priorities; Order of Selection; distribution of Supported Employment funds; and Innovation and Expansion activities. In addition, BBVS will accept public comment on the Business Enterprise Program, Specialized Services for Children and Adults, and Independent Living Services for Older Persons who are Blind.

Listed below is a schedule for the upcoming public meetings. These meetings will be held from March 26 through April 13. All meeting sites are accessible and interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing or deaf-blind will be present at each public meeting.

For additional information, reasonable accommodation requests, or alternative format requests please call the BVRS or BBVS District Office conducting the public meeting you wish to attend. If an individual or organization is unable to attend a public meeting, but wishes to give testimony, written comments may be mailed to the appropriate BVRS or BBVS District Office serving the area in which the individual/organization resides. Written comments must be submitted by April 28, 2007.

To obtain a copy of the draft FFY 2008 OVR Combined Agency State Plan Attachments (alternate format is available upon request), or for other information, please contact your local District Office. In addition, copies of the current FFY 2007, as well as the proposed FFY 2008, Combined Agency State Plan Attachments are available on the OVR web site, www.state.pa.us, PA Keyword: disability services. Then select Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and click on "2007 Combined

Agency State Plan". The "DRAFT: 2008 Combined Agency State Plan" will be available on the website mid-March.

SCHEDULE FOR 2007 PUBLIC MEETINGS

ALLENTOWN BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe and Northampton Counties)
1-800 922 9536 (Voice) or 1-888-377-9207 (TTY)
45 North 4th Street, Allentown, PA 18102
Wednesday, April 11 from 2 - 4 p.m.
Contact: Richard Walters

ALTOONA BBVS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Somerset and Union Counties) 1-866-695-7673 (Voice) or 1-866-320-7956 (TTY) 1130 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 Friday, March 30 from 10 a.m. - Noon
Contact: Becky Mathers

ALTOONA BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Bedford, Blair, Centre, Fulton and Huntingdon Counties)
1-800 442 6343 (Voice) or 1-866-320-7955 (TTY)
1130 12th Avenue, Suite 500, Altoona, PA 16601
Friday, April 13 from 1- 3 p.m.
Contact: Carl Pillar

DUBOIS BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson and McKean Counties)
1-800 922 4017 (Voice/TTY)
199 Beaver Drive, DuBois, PA 15801
Monday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Catherine Farr or Ralph Serafini

ERIE BBVS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango and Warren Counties)
(814) 336-6000 (Restaurant)
Perkins Family Restaurant, 18276 Conneaut Lake Road, Meadville, PA 16335 Erie BBVS D.O., 1-866-521-5073 (Voice) or 1-888-884-5513 (TTY)
Tuesday, March 27 from 10 a.m. - Noon.
Contact: Dawn Sokol

ERIE BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties)
1-800 541 0721 (Voice) or 1-888-217-1710 (TTY)
3200 Lovell Place, Erie, PA 16503
Conference Room
Thursday, April 12 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Contact: Bruce Best

HARRISBURG BBVS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties) 1-866-375-8264 (Voice) or 1-888-575-9420 (TTY) 555 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 Forum Place 8th Floor Conference Room
Thursday, April 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact: Adrian Kent

HARRISBURG BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin and Perry Counties) 1-800 442 6352 (Voice) or 1-877-497-6545 (TTY)

555 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Forum Place

8th Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, April 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact: Charles Cavalovitch or Belinda Crobak

JOHNSTOWN BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Westmoreland Counties)

1-800 762 4223 (Voice) or 1-866-862-6891 (TTY)

727 Goucher Street, Section 10, Johnstown, PA 15905

HGAC Seminar Theater

Wednesday, April 11 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Contact: John Brown

NEW CASTLE BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties)

New Castle BVRS D.O., 1-800-442-6379 (Voice) or 1-888-870-4476 (TTY)

100 Margaret Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Conference Room

Tuesday, April 10 from 10 a.m. - Noon

Contact: Gary Gay or Luann Digennaro

NEW CASTLE BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties)

New Castle BVRS D.O., 1-800-442-6379 (Voice) or 1-888-870-4476 (TTY)

(724) 548-5693 (PA CareerLink)

PA CareerLink Armstrong County, Conference Room

Pullman Commerce Center

77 Glade Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201

Thursday, April 12 from 10 a.m. - Noon

Contact: Gary Gay or Luann Digennaro

NORRISTOWN BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties)

1-800 221 1042 (Voice) or 1-888-616-0470 (TTY)

1875 New Hope Street, Norristown, PA 19401

Wednesday, April 11 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Contact: Russell Czajka or Michael Wakefield

PHILADELPHIA BBVS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties)

Philadelphia BBVS D.O., 1-866-631-3892 (Voice) or 1-888-870-4473 (TTY)

(215) 627-0600 (ASB)

Associated Services for the Blind

919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Thursday, April 12 from 2 - 5 p.m.

Contact: Merlyne Harvey

PHILADELPHIA BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Philadelphia County)

1-800 442 6381 (Voice) or 1-800-772-9031 (TTY)

444 North Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123

5th Floor Conference Room
Thursday, April 11 from 2 - 4 p.m.
Contact: Don Krentzman

PITTSBURGH BBVS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana,
Washington and Westmoreland Counties) 1-866-412-4072 (Voice) or 1-877-
255-5082 (TTY) 400 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh PA 15222
1075 Kossman Building
Wednesday, March 28 from 10 a.m. - Noon
Contact: Mary Ellen Pastorak

PITTSBURGH BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Allegheny County)
Pittsburgh BVRS D.O., 1-800 442 6371 (Voice) or 1-888-870-4474 (TTY)
(412) 255-2200 (The Civic Building)
200 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
1st Floor Conference Room
The Civic Building
Friday, April 13 from 1- 3 p.m.
Contact: Gary Donatelli

READING BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Berks and Schuylkill Counties)
1-800 442 0949 (Voice) or 1-877-475-7326 (TTY)
1090 Commons Boulevard, Reading, PA 19605
Monday, March 26 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Contact: Betty Brown

WASHINGTON BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties)
1-800 442 6367 (Voice/TTY)
201 West Wheeling Street, Washington, PA 15301
Monday, March 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Mary Lou Danko

WASHINGTON BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties)
Fayette County Community Action Building
Washington BVRS D.O., 1-800 442 6367 (Voice/TTY)
(724) 437-6050 ext. 224 (Fayette County Community Action Building) 137
North Beeson Boulevard, Uniontown, PA 15401 Tuesday, March 27 from
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Mary Lou Danko

WILKES BARRE BBVS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe,
Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and
Wyoming Counties) 1-866-227-4163 (Voice) or 1-888-651-6117 (TTY) 300 G
Laird Street, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702 Wednesday, April 4 from 5 - 6
p.m.
Contact: Jim Jurchak

WILKES-BARRE BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE
(Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna,
Wayne and Wyoming Counties) 1-800 634 2060 (Voice) or 1-888-651-6117

(TTY) 300 G Laird Street, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702 Wednesday, April 4
from 1 - 3 p.m.
Contact: Jan Snyder

WILLIAMSPORT BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and
Union Counties) 1-800 442 6359 (Voice) or 1-800-706-0884 (TTY) The Grit
Building, Suite 102
Conference Room
208 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
Wednesday, March 28 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Contact: Thomasina Prosseda

YORK BVRS DISTRICT OFFICE

(Adams, Franklin, Lancaster and York Counties)
1-800 762 6306 (Voice) or 1-866-466-1404 (TTY)
2550 Kingston Road, Suite 101, York, PA 17402
Wednesday, April 11 from 2 - 5 p.m.
Contact: R. Barry Brandt

If you received this newsletter from a colleague and would like to
receive it by fax or e-mail, please contact the Office of Vocational
Rehabilitation (OVR). We welcome your comments and suggestions.
Contact: OVR, Attn: Edward M. Butler, e-mail: edbutler@state.pa.us or
fax at (717) 783-5221.