

COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

June 26, 2014

Update on VR NOTEBOOK REVISIONS:

The Counselor, TR, Corrections, Evaluation and Placement Committees were consulted for suggested changes in the consolidation of the Adult & TR Notebooks. Some of the Program Directors then meet to discuss the recommendations. Several suggestions were consistent throughout the groups and will be incorporated into the new draft version. Once the draft notebook is ready, it will then be presented to the Program Team for further recommendations. Discussed some of the ideas, such as:

- Blending the TR & Adult Work Interest to list specific jobs within the TR Career wheel rather than general job areas. Janet Drudik is currently working on this.
- Jen Papproth is currently looking further into the criminal background questions for TR & Adults.
- Counselor committee recommended the VR Notebook also needs to have a Spanish version.
- Placement Committee suggested having a tear out job application for the work history section. Angela Fujan shared that getting the client's work history is very important for determining vocational impairment, functional capacities (order of selection) and writing a good VR Plan. We need to make sure we review the work history and explore job gaps, reasons for leaving jobs, job difficulties as well as favorite jobs, etc. for good career planning and VR Services.

Statewide information:

- Shared with staff that VR is currently focusing on improving outreach and services to 2 underserved groups: Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Latino groups. This originated out of the State Rehabilitation Council.

Next Meeting:

Monday October 27th

Peterson Senior Activity Center

2020 W. 11th Kearney, NE.