

**Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor/Court Specialist Meeting**  
**August 4, 2006**  
**TierOne Center, 1221 'N' Street - Suite 402, Lincoln, NE**  
**2:00 pm – 4:00pm**

**Agenda**

The following items will be addressed as time permits. The goal for the meeting is to identify those changes to the court's vocational rehabilitation rules that will be pursued for the November 16, 2006 public hearing, with an identification of the content or substance of the necessary changes. (Note: Some of these issues may have already been discussed and resolved at previous counselor/specialist meetings, and we may just need to amend a rule accordingly.) Language to implement these changes will then be drafted and circulated for consideration at the September 22, 2006 meeting. Additional special meetings can also be scheduled if necessary. The list is not intended to be exclusive, and other items can be added and discussed as necessary. It is also likely that some consolidation or further focusing of these items will be appropriate.

1. Direct client services requirement – Rule 40,F,2 and G,2 & 41,G,2 and H,2
2. LOE certification/reporting
3. Provisional certifications
4. CEU's – Rule 40 & 41
5. Response to LOE rebuttals by the counselor of record (who pays?)
6. Plan implementation without MMI (can it be done?).
7. Degree/experience requirements – Rules 40 & 41
8. Job placement specialist certifications – Rule 41
9. Add ABVE as an acceptable designation or certification (several places) – Rules 40 & 41
10. Staff to identify reason for change of counselor approvals as well as denials – Rule 43,B,3,b
11. Plan justifications, including labor market information – Rule 44,D
12. Agreement to services - Rule 42,A,5

13. 14 day provision – Rule 36,B.2
14. Reporting of class grades and schedules – Rule 37,C
15. What does “retained” mean? – Rules 37,A (see also Rule 42,A,2)
16. Progress/status reports (sent to the court?) – Rule 37,F (see also 37,B)
17. Specific reference to the CRCC ethical standards – Rule 39,E,1
18. Rule 42,A,2 – should the notice requirement apply to LOE as well as VR?
19. Rule 43 change of counselor process – should this parallel Rule 42 requirements once a change has been approved (e.g., notice to employee)?
20. Plan approval/denial process – Rule 44
21. Disciplinary procedures – opportunity to be heard by a judge – Rule 39,F