

Memorandum

TO: Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors and Job Placement Specialists
CC: Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists, Nancy Sedlacek
FROM: Glenn Morton
DATE: January 19, 2016
SUBJECT: Meeting Announcement & Results of October 23, 2015 Meeting

The next informal meeting between court staff and certified vocational rehabilitation service providers is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016, at 10:00 am. Please note that the meeting time has been adjusted from previous meetings. The meeting will be held at the court's administrative offices at 1221 "N" Street, Suite 402, in Lincoln. Regular meetings are typically held on a quarterly basis, with future meetings tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2016, July 29, 2016, and October 28, 2016. Meetings typically last no more than two hours.

The following are the results from the October 23, 2015 meeting. Please bring any questions or concerns regarding the discussions or decisions to the attention of court's Vocational Rehabilitation Section and they will be considered at the next meeting.

1. Future Meeting Schedule: Future quarterly meetings were tentatively set for January 29, 2016, April 22, 2016, July 29, 2016, and October 28, 2016. The scheduled start time for these and future meetings was also changed from 2:00 pm to 10:00 am in order to better accommodate those attendees traveling from outside of Lincoln.

2. Legislative Resolution 246: There was continuing discussion regarding Legislative Resolution 246, the court's response to questions raised at the Business and Labor Committee hearing on October 1, 2015, and possible vocational rehabilitation legislation for the 2016 session of the Legislature.

3. Next meeting agenda items: At the next meeting on January 29, 2016 the following will be addressed:

- a. Discussion regarding the status of possible vocational rehabilitation legislation following the introduction of bills for the 2016 session of the Nebraska Legislature.
- b. Beginning discussion of revisions to the Case Closure Form (VR-37E) to better capture necessary data and outcomes. This will include capturing cost data and employment status following vocation rehabilitation.
- c. Discussion of any other issues of concern or interest to the counselors or court specialists.

4. Future meeting agenda items: No additional agenda items are currently identified for future meetings. Suggestions are welcome.