

9:00 – 9:15

Roll Call
Introductions
Announcements
Review of Minutes

9:15 – 10:15

Call for Old Business
Call for New Business
Updates: DPI; NRA, NAVR, ILCW, NCSRC

10:15 – 11:00

State Rehabilitation Council 101

- Role
- Structure

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:15

DVR Reports
Charlene Dwyer, DVR Administrator

National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils - NCSRC

- 10/23/11 – meeting of SRC chairs, staff, and VR in Chandler, AZ
- Reauthorization of the Rehab Act
- Reauthorization Concerns of the CSAVR:
 - interest in consolidating job training programs
 - passing job center costs back to states
 - exempt transition students from waiting lists
 - Increase VR role in transition
 - Increase VR role in supported employment

NCSRC is working on its own platform on Reauthorization concerns

- Collaboration, not Consolidation
- Transition – shifting the responsibility to VR without + \$\$ does not increase transition
- Supported Employment – address long term support, don't pass the buck to VR
- Employment First – Remove disincentives 1st; end sub minimum wage 2nd; do not make VR screen people for sheltered work/SMW

The Role of the WRC – Who?

- State Independent Living Council
- Parent Training and Information Center
- Client Assistance Program
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (public or private)
- Community Rehabilitation Provider
- 4 Business, Industry, and Labor representatives
- Disability representation, including VR recipients (former)
- Native American Vocational Rehabilitation
- State Education Agency (WI Dept. of Public Instruction)
- State Workforce Investment Board
- State VR Administrator

Role of the WRC – Why?

- To be a citizen voice to advocate for continued and improved services that will assist individuals with disabilities achieve competitive employment based on their abilities, not their disabilities.
- Introducing, our state's finest return on investment, Wisconsin DVR.



The Role of the WRC – What?

After consultation with state workforce board,

1. Review, Analyze, and Advise on performance

– Esp. Eligibility and Order of Selection (waitlist)

- Advocated for using the waiting list
- Advocated for simplifying the waitlist method

– Extent, Scope, and Effectiveness of services

- Data, public comment, panel presentations

– Impact of other state agencies on employment

- DPI, W-2, DHS/Family Care, UW, Job Centers, WC

Role of WRC – What?

2. In partnership with DVR,

-develop, agree to, and review state goals and priorities

- State Plan

-Evaluate the effectiveness of VR and submit annual report to Rehab Services Admin. (RSA)

- Annual Report

The Role of the WRC – What?

3. Advise DWD and DVR regarding activities authorized under the Rehab Act

Assist in the preparation of the State Plan and its amendments, including

Applications

Reports,

Needs Assessments, (Statewide Needs Assessment)

Evaluations

*Selection of Hearing Officers; Review decisions;

The Role of the WRC – What?

4. Review and analyze effectiveness and consumer satisfaction with

- Functions performed by Designated State Agency
- Services provided by state agencies and other public and private agencies responsible for providing VR services – **Vendor quality? Job readiness?**
- Employment outcomes, including availability of health and other employment benefits
- **Review consumer satisfaction; Vendor survey.**

The Role of the WRC – What?

5. Prepare and submit an Annual Report to the Governor and to the Commissioner on the status of the VR program, and make the report available to the public.

Past WRC Annual Reports have focused on the impact of other state services on employment outcomes (the “shared” consumer).

Recent WRC Annual Reports include the economic impact, by county, of the employment outcomes.

The Role of WRC – What?

6. Avoid duplication and enhance the number of people served by coordinating activities with other councils, including -

- State Independent Living Council - ILCW
- IDEA Advisory Panel
- State Developmental Disabilities Council
- State Mental Health Planning Council
- State Workforce Investment Board

The Role of WRC – What?

7. Coordinate and establish working relationships between the Designated State Agency (DWD) and the

- State Independent Living Council and
- Centers for Independent Living

What? - Last, but not Least

8. Perform other functions, consistent with the Act that the council determines appropriate, that are comparable to the other functions.*

*(1)(C) ... affect the ability of individuals with disabilities to achieve employment outcomes.

-Making Work Pay! the disincentives of federal disability programs interfere with the VR mandate to maximize employment outcomes.

WRC has joined with DVR to advocate for MWP.

-Advisory to improvement grants in DWD.

So much to do, So little time.



Council As a Whole

- Review performance
- Evaluate effectiveness & set priorities
- Coordinate with other councils
- Encourage coordination with SILC and Independent Living Centers
- #8 – Advocate for the end of disincentives that interfere with the federal mandate of VR to maximize employment outcomes

Committee Structure

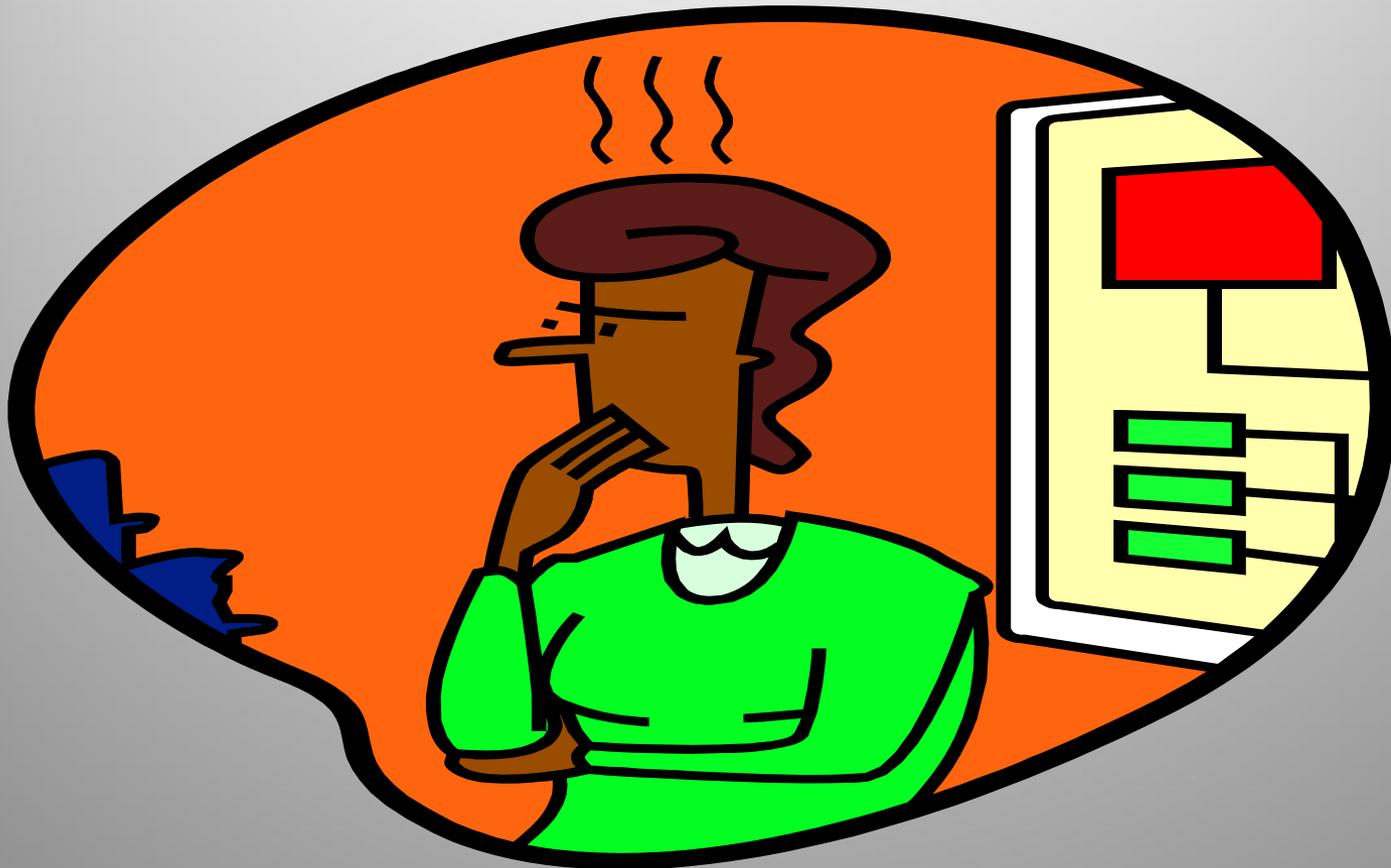
Evaluation Committee

- Evaluate performance based on council priorities
- Consumer Satisfaction
- Needs Assessment
 - Most Significant Dis.
 - Minorities w/Dis.
 - Job Center System
 - Community Rehab

Reports Committees

- State Plan
 - WRC Recommendations
 - Set questions to respond to
- Annual Report
 - Priorities
 - Performance
 - Return on Investment

Are you an evaluator or someone who
likes to report on what has been
evaluated?



12:15 - 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 1:30	Disability Navigators Glenn Olsen DWD Division of Employment and Training
1:30 – 1:45	WRC Role in DVR Business Services - Discussion
1:45 – 2:30	What do employers want? Alvin Hill and William Richardson, Milwaukee Center for Independence
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:30	DVR Business Services Team Patti Johnson, WDA 1 Director
3:30 – 3:45	WRC Role in DVR Business Services - Discussion
3:45 - 4:00	Public Comment
4:00	Adjourn