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Director's Directions

In the recently reissued Rules and Regulations for Vocational Rehabilitation Facilities, Subchapter 2 mentions that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services will be issuing certificates to facilities which are approved to vend services to this agency. This is a new feature of the regulations.

I am pleased to announce that the certificates have recently been received from the printer and once we figure out how to get your names on them in some attractive manner we will be distributing them.

We hope you will find the certificate suitable for framing and display it prominently.

During the next year DVRS will be reinstating a formalized planning process. While planning is an integral part of management and is going on all the time, we feel that every once in a while it helps to highlight the activity and remind everyone that it is taking place. We value your input. Please get involved when you are contacted.

Third Quarter Facilities Report - FY '84

Basic Program Activity

Activity in facilities remained basically unchanged this quarter. The figures show a slight decrease in number of clients beginning

evaluation and a slight rise in clients beginning WAT when compared to last year at this time. There was, of course, one more facility last year.

The number of competitive placements reported is up this quarter and any decent performance for the fourth quarter should produce a good final performance.

Sheltered Employment

The number of sheltered employees reported as placed in competitive employment is 190 for the year to date. This is based on 94 placements this quarter.

Average wages for sheltered employees was up \$.06 per hour to \$1.13 per hour. The program shows a roster of 2,567 clients at this time.

DVRS Data Base

Our records show that we are presently spending 24% of our case service funds on facility services. This does not include physical restoration services in rehabilitation facilities. It does not include maintenance and transportation either.

For the first time we have available agency expenditures which also break down expenditures by type and local office. This shows that the percentage of money spent on facilities services in South Jersey is well above the state average. The percentage drops sharply from Trenton and Toms River north.

This report also shows the number of facility-served clients to be rehabilitated in competitive employment to be up sharply through the third quarter. The number of sheltered placements is down. Overall placements are 4.78 behind last year.

Rehabilitant of the Year

Stanley L. Obritski, Jr. of Jackson Township has been selected Rehabilitant of the Year. He is a quadriplegic, who while recovering from an automobile accident decided to become a mouth painter. He attended the Yard School of Arts in Montclair for seven (7) years and has become an acclaimed water colorist. He has had a number of individual art shows in New York and Philadelphia, and is active in the Jackson Arts Council. Two movies have been prepared dealing with his life and achievements. He is also employed as a member artist for VDMFK in Vaduz, Lichtenstein.

Master of Science Degree Program in Job Development/Job Placement Offered

The National Vocational Rehabilitation Job Development/Job Placement Institute at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, will offer the eighteen (18) month Master of Science degree program in job development/job placement in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Classes will begin on October 20, 1984. If you are interested attending the class you should respond at your earliest convenience.

This program has been designed to provide practitioners within the public and private sectors with training to enhance their effectiveness and efficiency in the job placement of injured workers and other disabled persons. It is

designed for professionals who want to maintain full-time employment status while obtaining this degree.

For more information about this program and the admission procedures, contact Judy Hearn at the National Vocational Rehabilitation Job Development/Job Placement Institute, Drake University, Memorial Hall, Des Moines, Iowa 50311, or call 515-271-2962.

Mark Your Calendar

NISH National Conference 1985

National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) is sponsoring its annual conference to be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental, New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 17-20, 1985.

Brochures and Registration Forms will be available in December, 1984.

For further information write to:

NISH National Conference
National Industries for the Severely Handicapped Inc.
2235 Cedar Lane
Vienna, VA 22180

The Information Explosion

As we collect more and more information it becomes increasingly difficult to manage that information. To this end the Department of Labor has made available time on a Micro Computer to speed the quarterly report process. We hope this will enable us to provide you with more information and better analysis in future "Facilities Facets."

In order to accomplish this we must depend on you to submit your quarterly report data on time. It provides a very unprofessional image when reports are constantly late and inaccurate. It also

represents a problem when DVRS must prepare our reports to the Department of Labor using incomplete information. Please make an effort to get your report in on time. It is important.

Extended Employment Facts

° 3469 people were eligible for Extended Employment at one time or another during State FY 84.

° 145 were placed in competitive employment, 867 were terminated and 2442 were continuing in program by the end of the year.

° The average work week was 26.05 hours with an average wage of \$1.03/hr.

° 737 clients earned less than 20% of minimum wage. These are largely the "grandfathered" cases.

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