

Welfare Technical Group Meeting Minutes

5/6/09

- Enrollment
 - Increased Traffic
 - Significant increases all over the state
 - Space Issues
 - Many areas experiencing capacity issues, some exploring opportunities to expand operations, possibly looking at new sites
 - Considering alternate days for Job Search
 - Anticipating new type of student
 - Education & Work Histories
 - Expecting influx of unemployed workers as benefits are exhausted
 - Ideas to Accommodate divergent students
 - Areas considering alternative hours, possibly evening hours to accommodate new clients
 - Repeaters require separate track
 - Any way to outsource repeaters with significant barriers
 - Is MPP still a viable option?
 - Not accepting referrals
 - Requesting training for CAO's to determine appropriate referrals.
 - Community Action Representatives to make presentation to CAO's
 - NO expected change in Sanction Process
- Programming
 - Skills Training
 - Seems to be an interest in National Retail Federation Credential
 - Unique Opportunities
 - Move Up Providers can assist in instruction
 - Greater Variety
 - Clients appear motivated by a variety of options
- Emphasis on Incentives
 - Incentive Tracking is required
 - Effect on Participation
 - Focus on Participation Rate
 - Must maximize

- Positive reaction from those who were likely to cooperate
 - Ideas for Incentive Room
 - Coupons and gift certificates
 - Gas Cards
 - Partnering with local retailers
- Paid Work/Community Service
 - Available on site
 - Kinds of projects
 - Copy Centers
 - Computer Recycling
 - Anything “Green”
 - Mobile Crews
 - Liability Issues a great concern
- Performance Expectations
 - Job Placement
 - Numbers way down
 - Placement much more competitive
 - Average Length of time to find Job
 - WSC
 - Average placed during WSC 7 weeks
 - CDC
 - Total time to place for those who transfer to CDC – 15 weeks
 - Accessing CareerLink support
 - Hot Jobs Meetings
 - CareerLink Liaison to communicate opportunities
 - Negative Referrals to CDC
 - Impact on Placement Rates
 - Determined to be about 23% increase if negative transfers from WSC to CDC were neutral
- Changes in Guidelines
 - Work Participation Calculation Changes
 - Activity Compliance Report
 - Based upon entire month, not snap shot
 - Work Activity Rate
 - Focus of new year
 - All must participate in Work Activity
 - Subsidized & Unsubsidized
 - Paid Work

- Community Service
- Vocation Specific Work Experience (Code 51)
 - Self Initiated
- Impact on Performance
 - Reduced time periods for data entry
 - Within a year time limit to 7 days.
- Performance Expectations not changing
- Incident Report Form available on InspiriTec
 - BETP must be kept informed
- Other changes.
 - Work Support Component
 - Early transfer to CDC in Employment unlikely
 - After 3 weeks