

Memo to : Region V Services Governing Board, Advisory Committee,
all stakeholders

From : Dave Merrill, Executive Director

Date : August 31, 2015

Re : **SEPTEMBER Director's Report**

Employment First

We are in the final stages of our grant with Darla Wilkerson through the Developmental Disability Council and we have had tremendous employment outcomes in the Fairbury/Hebron area. Ryan Neal from Central Office is working with folks in Fairbury to develop training for the entire Region that utilizes concepts that have worked in Fairbury and Hebron.

Yolanda Webb, the new Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) begins today and she comes to us from Louisiana, which is an Employment First state. We are hopeful that she will support our efforts to help people find jobs in the community and can work on some of the systems barriers that we have identified.

The mission of Region V Services is to provide desired training and supports that promote interdependence and relationships within community and lessen reliance upon agency services.

On September 22 and 23 management teams of Region V Services will meet at Carol Joy Holling by Ashland to revise our mission statement and mission guidelines. Central Office and all management teams have been providing input into revising our mission guidelines. We expect to have the new Mission Guidelines by the end of 2015.

We are excited that Yolanda Webb from DDD will attend and share with us her journey in the field of developmental disabilities and her vision for Nebraska.

Financial Update

Kevin Jeppson, Fiscal Director, has been working very hard with Area Programs to use the new electronic billing system through Therap. Most providers from across the state have reported difficulties with the system and the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP) is working on the issue with DDD. DDD has volunteered to send their billing staff and Therap representatives to ENCOR in Omaha to work on the issues first hand.

We are undergoing an IRS audit. Many other providers have gone through similar audits with the IRS, my view is that it may help us improve our processes.

Central Office Building Project

We continue to work with the architect and realtor on site selection. We have a couple of details to check on before making an offer on our preferred site. We do have a couple of fall back options if our offer is not accepted. I met with Dennis Byars and when we have a site selected, we will ask the Executive Committee of the Governing Board to tour and discuss before a formal offer is extended. We can do a letter of intent that is not legally binding prior to the Executive Committee looking at it.

Meaningful Day Training

On September 8th and 9th we will have Darcy Elks here to do training on how to create a meaningful day from the perspective of Social Role Valorization. This training will focus on residential roles, and be similar to the training last year that focused on employment and day service activities that enhance image and competence.

Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance will be October 17th at the Lancaster Event Center from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Page 3 is a listing of the properties and vehicles of the Region V Foundation.

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