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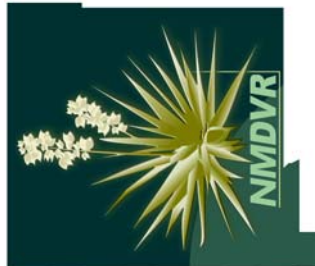
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Request for Accommodations:

If you need a language translator or need a reader, amplifier or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to participate in these meetings, please contact Samantha Montoya one week prior to the hearing. Public documents, including the agenda or minutes can be provided in accessible formats. For information, contact Samantha Montoya at: 1-800-224-7005 or 505-954-8555.

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Announcing:
Public Hearings
for the New
Mexico Division
of Vocational
Rehabilitation
State Plan

What is the State Plan?

- ⇒ A document NMDVR must submit annually for federal funding
- ⇒ A document describing the administration of vocational rehabilitation services to New Mexicans with disabilities

Purpose of Public Hearings:

- ⇒ To discuss issues related to the State Plan
- ⇒ To discuss proposed changes to the State Plan

Who Should Attend?

- ⇒ General Public
- ⇒ NMDVR Stakeholders
- ⇒ NMDVR Participants and their representatives
- ⇒ NMDVR Staff
- ⇒ Anyone interested in disability issues

What A Public Hearing is NOT!

- ⇒ Not a time to discuss an individual's vocational rehabilitation needs
- ⇒ Not a time to discuss individual vocational rehabilitation services
- ⇒ Not a time to discuss eligibility for vocational rehabilitation services
- ⇒ Not a time to discuss vocational rehabilitation Individual Plan for Employment

Dates and Locations:

⇒ Thursday, April 17, 2008 - 1:30 p.m.

Sky City Hotel-Acoma
Interstate 40 Exit 102
Pinon AB Room
Acoma, NM 87034
(505) 552-1084

⇒ Wednesday, April 23, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.

San Juan College
4601 College Blvd.
7103-Lecture Hall
Farmington, NM 87402
(505) 566-3192

⇒ Friday, April 25, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
2401 12th Street NW
Silver Room
Albuquerque, NM 87104
(505) 843-7270

⇒ Monday, April 28, 2008 - 1:30 p.m.

Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn
901 Avenida De Mesilla
Santa Maria/Nina Rooms
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Content of State Plan:

State Plan Preprint and Attachments will be reviewed for approval by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. The State Plan addresses issues such as:

- ⇒ Personnel Development for Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
- ⇒ Statewide Assessment of Rehabilitation Needs of Individuals with Disabilities
- ⇒ Annual Estimates of Individuals to be Served and Costs of Services
- ⇒ State Goals and Priorities
- ⇒ Evaluation and Report on Progress in Achieving Identified Goals.

Proposed changes to the State Plan are available on the DVR website at www.dvrgetsjobs.com under HOT TOPICS. There you will find the current 2008 State Plan, the proposed attachments for the 2009 State Plan, and portions of the review instrument provided by the Rehabilitation Services Administration identifying the specific requirements for each attachment.

Opportunity for Input

Individuals or organizational representatives may speak and/or submit written comments at the public hearings regarding proposed changes to the State Plan. **Written comments will be accepted by NMDVR until 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2008.** Send written comments, fax or e-mail to:

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