

Recovery to Work – Monthly Update

September 1, 2011

Project Activities:

As of September 1, 2011 the following numbers of individuals were involved with the Recovery to Work project.

- Applications Processed: 945
- Eligibility & Order of Selection Determined: 361
- Individual Plan for Employment written and approved: 95
- Consumers Employed: 4

Regional Meetings: During the last two weeks, RSC, ODADAS and OACBHA completed a series of five regional meetings in Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Canton, Findlay, and Columbus as part of the Recovery to Work project. The meetings were attended by nearly 400 people. Several communities brought local teams to the regional meetings and were able to receive answers to all types of questions and specific technical assistance related to the RSC requirements as well as billing and process design questions. Following the conclusion of the regional meetings, RSC, ODADAS and OACBHA are compiling a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and responses that will be distributed to the field in the next couple of weeks. The resounding opinion following the regional meetings is that they provided a helpful venue for local projects to ask specific questions as well as learn from their peers about the progress of local projects. As a result, RSC, ODADAS, and OACBHA have committed to repeating the regional meetings in the future and are currently working to identify the best time for the next series of regional meetings.

Survey: As a follow-up to the regional meetings, OACBHA in cooperation with RSC and ODADAS will be creating and distributing an electronic survey to gather feedback about the regional meetings as well as information about outstanding questions and concerns about the Recovery to Work project. This survey is expected to be distributed by next week.

Website: RSC, ODADAS and OACBHA have recognized that communication continues to be a challenge with this project. In order to make consistent, accurate, and regular communication about the project available a specific Recovery to Work website will be developed in the next several weeks. This website will include information about specific project details, contact information for project staff from the participating state agencies, information for clients, information for employers, a message board for questions and ongoing dialogue and more. If you have ideas for information and tools that should be included on the website, please contact Liz Henrich at ehenrich@oacbha.org or 614-224-1111.

Mentoring Meetings: RSC and ODADAS are coordinating a series of regional mentoring meetings at regional RSC offices for coordinators, supervisors and support staff. These are not required project meetings, but rather an opportunity for project staff to have an opportunity to interact with the RSC liaison counselors and receive specific technical assistance about the RSC processes. Each session is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with time afterwards for one-on-one sessions. Email Roger Carney at rodger.carney@rsc.ohio.gov or Esther Shimansky at esther.shimansky@rsc.ohio.gov with questions about these meetings. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- September 7 – Dayton Office
- September 8 – Toledo Office
- September 14 – Athens Office

- September 21 – Mansfield Office
- September 21 – Columbus Office
- September 28 – Cincinnati Office

Local Meetings: If you are still experiencing problems in your community with the Recovery to Work project, if you have outstanding questions or you would like some more hands on technical assistance, RSC, ODADAS, and OACBHA have all agreed to make staff available to come to your community for a meeting with your local team. If you would like to schedule a meeting in your community, please contact Liz Henrich at ehenrich@oacbha.org or 614-224-1111.

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