



NASP
Supported Employment Committee
10-13-2021

Attendees: Alana Schriver, NASP; Dr. Lisa Mills, Contracted Subject Matter Expert; Becki Koehler, Goodwill; Saige Vohs, MMI; Kristen Larsen, NCDD; Carla Lasley, VR; Laurie Ackerman, Ollie Webb

1. NASP has a LEND/CLL trainee for 95 hours between now and April – Hailey Humphrey

- a. May focus on voting rights, education, and registration
 - i. Obtaining state IDs can be difficult for people in services, so we want to fight against voter ID laws
 - ii. IDs are also needed for employment, so maybe helping people get IDs
 - iii. Should research what Disability Rights Nebraska has on voting topic
 - iv. The Arc received funding recently to do work in the voter's rights arena
- b. Supported Employment
 - i. Ollie Webb created videos about 10 years ago interviewing people about their supported employment experiences
 - ii. The State Rehabilitation Council recently awarded Disability Employment and Inclusion Awards to the Cornhusker Marriott and Hy-Vee, as well as individual awards to people who had achieved their employment aims.
 - iii. MMI has been interviewing people and posting on social media
 - iv. Hailey could attend MMI's webinars this month

2. Dr. Lisa Mills

- a. Starting her work in Nebraska by researching data and trends
 - i. 2014-present (when WOIA was implemented)
 - ii. Cautious about data integrity
 - iii. Please share any and all data sources with Dr. Mills
 - iv. No specific quantity limits; for example, could be working only one hour per week
 - v. APSE survey was suggested; Alana will connect Dr. Mills and Cheryl Montgomery (Nebraska APSE/NorthStar Services) via email
 1. APSE has not been as active lately, unfortunately; may have lost some institutional knowledge due to staff turnover and retirement
 2. Even if people have left the field, Dr. Mills would still be interested in speaking with them
 - vi. Ian Froemming was suggested as another resource – currently with Madonna School
- b. Discussion:
 - i. There is a vibe that SE “belongs” to VR rather than DDD
 - ii. Employment is a key piece of state PCP plan – Lisa's report will help reinforce its importance
 - iii. “Payer of last resort” - WOIA was meant to create stronger collaboration between VR and the DDD, not remove DDD's involvement
 - iv. Perhaps a panel presentation from other states on how they addressed “payer of last resort” would be helpful – would DDD be willing to attend?