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State Directors and Others,

The CSAVR is submitting a Call for Proposals for the 2019 Fall Conference, October 28th-30th, at the Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL., on the topics bulleted below. Proposals are being solicited for General Sessions, Concurrent Sessions and Round Tables and will be considered on a first come, first serve basis, based on merit and available space on the Agenda. If you have a session preference, please indicate it when your proposal is submitted. We will consider your preference as Agenda space permits. Other topics for presentation will also be considered if space is available after all solicited proposals have been reviewed.

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The CSAVR is requesting Round Table presentations be structured by a process, sometimes referred to as speed dating, where presenters will provide an overview of the topic presented in 15-20 minutes. Participants would then have an opportunity to discuss the topic with the presenter/s and other participants and ask questions. Presenters are asked to provide access to more detailed information on the topic in written format. Written materials must also be made available in accessible formats. The intent of these sessions will be to provide an opportunity for participants to dialogue with the presenters and each other on topics that are very important to them. We anticipate having a number of Round Tables on various topics and participants would have the opportunity to join other tables, should they want to do so. We will have flip charts and note takers for each roundtable to capture any key ideas or learning points not addressed in the presentations or written materials. At the end of the roundtables the note takers will complete a short template stating the presentation title, the name(s) of the presenter(s), and bullets of any key ideas or learning points noted in the discussions. This material will then be available to presenters and CSAVR. Round Tables will be conducted for 60 minutes.

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If you have any questions regarding the Call for Papers, any of the CSAVR staff will be able to assist you. They are rmartin@rehabnetwork.org, jconnelly@rehabnetwork.org, kwest-evans@rehabnetwork.org and thamrick@rehabnetwork.org. The deadline to submit a proposals is July 3, 2019 by close of business EST. We look forward to receiving your proposals. Thank you.

Requested Topics – Call for Proposals

- Examples of and Procedures for establishing effective internal controls to manage State VR Agencies day to day operations to ensure compliance with federal requirements and good customer services that are replicable to others states.
- Examples of and Procedures for establishing sound financial management practices in State VR Agencies that are replicable, and strategies that ensure the effective use of VR funding.
- Proven strategies for prior approval compliance that can be replicated to expedite customer services.
- Proven strategies and practices for minimizing the administrative burden on counselors to increase their direct service time and capacity to serve customers.
- Effective strategies that are replicable for moving VR agencies out of an active OOS and maintaining good vendor and customer relations while in an active OOS.
- Business outreach and cross system strategies that are innovative and replicable.
- Strategies and partnership with DOL and others that increase access to Apprenticeships.
- MOUs and Cooperative Agreements that highlight shared financial responsibility to serve VR customers.
- Business or Community Partnerships the have led to successful employment outcomes for VR Customers.
- State Marketing initiatives to various audiences that highlight the success of the VR Program in your state.
- Strategies for expanding programs and partnerships that drive and support cross system innovation and support the dual customer strategy.
- The impact of PreETS and other factors contributing to the decline in employment outcomes in the VR Program and recommendations/opportunities to change this dynamic.
- Effective VR program source documentation and data validation policies and procedures resulting in accurate reliable data, and strategies that agencies are using to employ this data to improve program performance and outcomes.
- Other topics should space be available on the Agenda.

Proposal Submission

Please provide all information as requested. Proposals are to be submitted as an email attachment.

Presentation Title: Type Title Here

(limited to 80 characters)

Content Area from List Above: Content Area

Lead Presenter: Name & Title

Agency/Organization: Agency/Organization

Email: Email

Phone: Phone Number

Co-Presenter 1: Name & Title

Agency/Organization: Agency/Organization

Email: Email

Phone: Phone Number

Co-Presenter 2: Name & Title

Agency/Organization: Agency/Organization

Email: Email

Phone: Phone Number

If more than 2 co-presenters please attach on a separate page with required information.

Abstract: Length of content description should not exceed 500 words. Be as concise as possible and describe relationship to content area solicited, learning objectives, target audience, and lecture or group participation.

Session Format: ☐ Lecture ☐ Lecture & Small Group Discussion ☐ Facilitated Discussion

Audiovisual Equipment Request: AV Equipment Needed ☐ Yes *(Projector, Laptop, Screen, etc.)*

My PowerPoint Presentation will contain videos. ☐ Yes (if yes, we **must** test before presentation with conference staff)

My Presentation will need internet connection. ☐ Yes (if yes, we **must** test before presentation)

By checking this box, you agree to provide presentation materials by 5:00pm ET **October 4, 2019** to enable accessibility of materials for attendees. ☐ **I agree.** Email presentation materials to thamrick@rehabnetwork.org.

(If your proposal is accepted and materials are not received by October 4th deadline, you will be responsible for providing accessible handouts.)