

IVRS update for Governor's BI Advisory Council July 15, 2011

The 2011 Legislative session was one of the longest in history, ending June 30, 2011. During the final weeks of the session, IVRS was asked to provide information to the Legislature regarding our Maintenance of Effort requirements as well as our growing deficits of non-federal matching funds. VR is a state/federal program requiring \$1.00 of state funds in order to earn \$3.69 of federal funds. Our estimates of the non-federal match deficit for the current federal fiscal year is about \$1.8 million which means about \$6.8 federal funds will go to other state VR agencies. The loss of these funds impacts our ability to serve about 4000 persons on the IVRS waiting list.

The Legislature responded by appropriating \$485,790 more to IVRS than had been recommended by the Governor and the House of Representatives. These additional dollars will allow IVRS to earn \$1.8 million additional federal funds. Together this represents an increase of about \$2.28 million more dollars than we would otherwise have had available. This additional funding should allow IVRS to continue operations for SFY 2012 at much the same pace we have been at for the past few months.

As of Thursday, July 14th, the Most Significantly Disabled waiting list was cleared. This amounted to 6 cases. These were individuals whose application date fell on or before yesterday's date.

All individuals on the Significantly Disabled waiting list whose application dates fell on or before June 9, 2010 were released into services. This amounted to 303 cases.

In addition, all individuals on the Others Eligible list whose application dates fell on or before October 23, 2009 were also released into services. No OE cases were released.

This information was provided with the assistance of our Chief Financial Officers, Matt Coulter.

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