



MEMORANDUM

TO: South Central Workforce Council
From: Tamara Bosler, Program Manager
Subject: PETS-DVR Contract to Service Providers
Date: May 2, 2017

Last year our area provided service to in-school youth ages 16 – 21 years old through a “PETS” (Pre-Employment Transition Services) contract with Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. The Council contracted this project to both Northwest Community Action Center and OIC of Washington in Kittitas and Yakima Counties.

“Pre-employment Transition Services (PETS)” means activities for all students with disabilities that include:

- 1) Job exploration,
- 2) Work-based learning experiences,
- 3) Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs at institutions of higher education,
- 4) Workplace readiness training,
- 5) Self-advocacy instruction.

Participants enrolled in the project were youth who have an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or 504 Plan and residing in Yakima or Kittitas Counties. The contract was of a fee for service design for pre-employment group workshops and paid work experiences for eligible youth.

The goal was 35 students participating over the summer months with success being measured by the completion of pre-set hours in both the workshops and work experience as well as other opportunities, if applicable.

Our service delivery for this program was a success and we have an opportunity for a second year. We are in the process of negotiating with DVR for a couple of contract changes due to minimum wage increase and the ability to provide one on one workshops in addition to the group setting.

Estimated funding will be consistent with last year at approximately \$54,328 to NCAC and \$56,272 to OIC.

Therefore, staff request approval to new fee for service contracts with an estimated funding with:

- OIC of Washington serving Upper Yakima and Kittitas Counties, and
- Northwest Community Action Center serving Mid and Lower Yakima County

For the purpose to serve 16 -21 year old in-school youth who have Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs) or 504 Plans and residing in Yakima and Kittitas Counties, contingent on successful contract negotiations.

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