

VRS Community Partners Conversations Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: August 10, 2022

August Discussion Topic Recording

The recording of the June meeting discussion topic is posted to the “CP Conversations” tab of the [VRS Community Partners website](#).

August Discussion Summary

VRS Community Partnerships Team program specialists shared information with Community Partners regarding Travel and Transportation.

Community Partners can find the link to our services here: <https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/disabilities/partners/guide>. Please note that the travel and transportation rate starting July 1, 2022 is \$50 /hour vs. \$28/hour

Open Discussion

- There was open question and answer time with Community Partner staff and VRS Community Partnerships Team program specialists. Questions included travel and transportation clarification, Pre-ETS age parameters, PBAs, and no shows.
- Two questions were asked, and we want to share follow up on the answers:
 - **Question:** If we have multiple people in general services, we can charge travel for both people at the same time?
 - **Answer:** In General Services, you cannot charge the round trip to each individual you go to see at the same site. This guidance has not been updated at this time, so is still in effect. From the guidance: *Individuals At The Same Location Or In Close Proximity*
 - If a partner is providing services to two or more individuals in succession without returning to their primary work location, here is the best practice for charging transportation time. In this case, the partner would bill only the time from the starting location to the first participant, and then the time between the participants and the time back to the starting location for the second participant. The partner would not claim the full mileage from the starting location to each participant individually.
 - <https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/disabilities/partners/guide/contracted-services/services/>
- **Question:** At what age does Pre-ETS services end?
 - **Answer:** MN VRS ends Pre-ETS funded services once a person turns 22. The exception is if they turn 22 while in school. Then the Pre-ETS funding for that student ends at the end of that semester. For example, if a student is in college and they turn 22 on March 15th, they can continue to receive Pre-ETS funding through the end of that semester.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting is September 7, 2022, from 8:30-9:30 am, the discussion topic will be PBAs.
- Register in advance for the September meeting by clicking this link:
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsdOqvqDwiHxHHznAafzfHjq9o8U5aHFY>
- If you need an accommodation for the meeting or have questions, please contact Sara Sundeen at Sara.Sundeen@state.mn.us.
- Community Partners can use our [MS Form to ask questions](#) before or after a meeting: For More Information

For more information about the Community Partner Conversations, previous meeting recordings and future meeting dates, please go to the “CP Conversations” tab of the [VRS Community Partners website](#).