

VRS Community Partners Conversations

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: September 7, 2022

September Discussion Topic Summary

The September discussion topic was VRS Performance Based Agreements (PBAs) and Employment First Minnesota Performance Based Agreements (E1 PBA). VRS Community Partnerships Team program specialists and Evie Wold, VRS Placement Specialist, shared information with Community Partners regarding Performance Based Agreements.

Overview of General PBAs and E1 PBAs

- Discussed rates and difference between General PBA and E1 PBA
- Reviewed reason for 120 milestone and intent, and possible nonpayment for 120 days if successfully employed prior to 120 days.
- Reviewed website resources:
 - FAQ tab – quick review and stressed lots of good info there
 - Forms tab – important, go-to place for all PBA forms
 - Overview flow-chart, sample employment application, placement plan, monthly progress report (required for payment), coaching report, examples
 - Training Tab - PBA Information Video
 - Contacts Tab – Placement Specialist
- Discussed how do you decide who gets an E1 PBA and how gets a general?
 - A Medicaid Waiver is the determining factor for an E1 PBA.
- Reviewed Job Coaching as a separate service, different from follow up included in all PBAs.
- Shared a training link on PBAs on our website on the changes to PBAs and the E1 PBA made July 2021. You can find it [here](#).
- Shared website where Community Partners can find our PBA Service Definitions and resources. You can find it [here](#).

September Discussion Topic Recording

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

Open Discussion

Below is a summary of questions from participants and clarifications from VRS.

PBAs

- The Placement Team is the Job Seeker, the Placement Professional, and the VRS Counselor. VRS should be present at the PBA Plan Meeting.

- E1PBAs are only for individuals on waivers. The decision is based on the individual having a waiver, not an assessment of support needs.
- Job Coaching was separated as a service that was included as part of a PBA milestone and to a service that is authorized separately in summer 2021.
- There is no job coaching in a PBA, follow up is part of a PBA.
- Job Coaching is authorized for when an individual needs extra support and assistance.
- Job Coaching decisions are based on a conversation with the placement team (Job Seeker, Placement Specialist and VRS Counselor).
- Job Coaching should not automatically be authorized with a PBA.
- Partners can request travel for job coaching.

Coordination with VRS and DHS

- Community Partners that have questions about coordination with VRS and DHS can look at the Disability HUB website. The Disability Hub launched some exciting new updates for E1MN recently. Some of the links have changed so if you or your staff had anything bookmarked, you'll need to update with the following links:
 - [E1MN Partnership \(trainings, FAQ, request form\)](#)
 - [Work Toolkit](#) (tools and resources to support work)
 - [Supporting People on Waivers Section \(Engage, Plan, Find, Keep\)](#)
- Community Partners can also submit questions or comments to the [E1MN Request Form](#).

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is Wednesday October 5, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- The October discussion topic will be: Discussing Service Needs and Reading Authorizations.
- Register in advance for the October 5th meeting by clicking on this link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdOuogzkiGnl5G-2IXdb6euvaJVcg-ic>
- 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: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RrAU68QkGUWPJricIVmCjLskeLmPGlxFog2oFbqZ2CVUQzIDRDRNTkpYN1ZNV1RYM00zNDEwV05QOC4u>

For More Information

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