

VRS Community Partners Conversations

March 2022 Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: March 2, 2022

Mini Training: Communication Strategies for Community Partners with VRS Teams

- VRS Community Partnerships Team program specialists presented information to assist new Community Partners in communicating with local VRS teams about their organization and services.
- Community Partnerships Team program specialists shared how an organization might receive a referral or work authorization.
- Community Partnerships Team program specialists shared because of how service providers are selected, it is helpful for VRS Community Partners to introduce themselves to local VR program teams and maintain regular communication about service availability, service offerings, etc.
- Community Partnerships Team program specialists shared information about how to communicate with local VRS Teams.
- Community Partnerships Team program specialists shared specific information for communicating with teams in a document that has been refined and posted on the “CP Conversations” tab of the [VRS Community Partners website](#). The document is named “Communication Strategies for Community Partners with VRS Teams.”

Open Discussion

- There was open question and answer time with Community Partner staff and VRS Community Partnerships Team program specialists.
- In response to questions about PBAs, the VRS Community Partnerships Team program specialists clarified the following:
 - The difference between a PBA and an E1 PBA is whether a job seeker has a qualifying Medicaid waiver.
 - Any contracted partner regardless of 245D licensure can provide a E1 PBA.
 - With an E1 PBA, there may be some instances where a person is not in service for 120 days and therefore, they would not get the E1 (120 day) milestone.

Next Meeting

The next Community Partner Conversation will be April 6, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The mini training topic for April will be Navigating the VRS Community Partners Website and Resources. Register in advance for this meeting by clicking this link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJl5d-6grD4uGkarLBh7iGeMTTWETrvjvQRM>. After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you need an accommodation for the meeting(s) please contact Sara Sundeen at sara.sundeen@state.mn.us.

For More Information

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