

VETS' Liaison Update for the AJLA Steering Committee

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VETS Update

- FY 2008 Funding/Continuing Resolutions
- WISPR Items Relevant to VETS
- Priority of Service Regulations
- PY 2006 Performance Results
- GAO Study of Performance Reporting
- OIG Audit of DVOP/LVER Outcomes

FY 2008 Funding

- The first share of FY 2008 funds through mid-November was distributed previously
- The second share through mid-December is in the pipeline
- A third CR period is a possibility
- Another year-long CR also is a possibility
- Sen. McConnell is seeking unrestricted war funds + Democratic increases for '08

WISPR Items Relevant to VETS

- The ETA 9131 is revised to include employer outreach activities by DVOP specialists as well as LVER staff
- The ETA 9132 is revised to reflect outcomes for veterans and disabled veterans receiving One-Stop services
- The reporting of non-participants on the ETA 9133 continues to be a vexing problem for States and VETS
 - VETS has a statutory mandate to report annually to Congress on the number of “un-served veterans”
 - The shift of the workforce system to participant-based reporting is inconsistent with this requirement
 - Priority of service also has become a late-entry factor

Priority of Service Regulations

- P.L. 109-461 enacted in November 2006 mandated the publication of regulations
- VETS has been assigned as the lead agency for publication of these regulations
- A Work Group has been convened, which includes ETA and other DOL agencies
- The Work Group currently is grappling with the feasibility of capturing “applicant” data

PY 2006 Performance Results

- VETS' PY 2006 goal for One-Stop services to veterans was not achieved
- VETS missed two of four One-Stop performance targets for PY 2006
- The PY 2006 results for all four One-Stop targets were lower than for PY 2005
- VETS wonders if States routinely “reached-back” at the end of PY 2006 to capture outcomes missed during quarters of low WRIS participation

GAO Study of Reporting

- The Final Report published in May 2007 recommended :
- # 1 - Ensure that States have adequate direction and sufficient time to implement WISPR
 - # 2 - Consolidate the grant-based measures currently applied separately to the DVOP and LVER programs
 - # 3 - Weight outcomes toward the hard-to-serve for grant-based measures of DVOP/LVER services
 - # 4 - Develop a legislative proposal to standardize the definition of veteran across workforce programs
 - # 5 - Move forward with a rigorous evaluation of the impact of One-Stop Career Center services

OIG Performance Audit

- The audit focuses on the outcomes of services provided by DVOP specialists and LVER staff
- OIG intends to conduct state-level validation of the basis for the outcomes reported
- VETS provided OIG with a listing of exiters by State from the VETS 200-C Reports for 3/31/07
- The audit was piloted in Texas & Oklahoma
- Arrangements are in progress for visits to New York, North Carolina and Georgia

Questions

- Thank you!

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Enjoy Savannah!