Proposed Updates to the MOP

1. Chapter 2: Mandatory procedures for IPE development: Items 5 and 8 – We do not sign plan revisions nor have we given the consumer a printed copy of this document.
2. Chapter 2: Content of an IPE: Item 1B – Change language to reflect Competitive Integrated setting.
3. Chapter 4: Orientation Center Rules: Items 11. G and 14 – Do we want to alter the language in either rule to reflect on-site apartments?
4. Chapter 4: Orientation Center Rules: Item 23 – Maintenance increase from $125 to $160.
5. Chapter 4: Vocational Training – Special Services: Item 2 – Update language to digital recording device or other similar language.
6. Chapter 4: Should we add Work-based learning experiences for adults following the section on On-the-Job-Training?
7. Chapter 5 Maintenance: Service Formulas – Should we add formulas for short-term training and secondary education? Also, Item E (pertaining to OC maintenance) needs a complete overhaul.
8. Procedures for completion of financial summary – We changed our practice to completion following eligibility instead of at the time of a consumer’s need for maintenance.
9. Chapter 6 Transportation: Scope of Services – Should the last status for this serviced be changed to Employment Status? Since the PES Status included here no longer exists.
10. Chapter 9 Sponsoring Consumers to Attend Consumer Conventions: Support to be provided – Item 5 should be changed simply to reflect “meals at the approved rate for state employees” without mentioning the exact amount.
11. Chapter 9 Sponsoring Consumers to Attend Consumer Conventions: Attendance at Entire Conventions - Do we want to add one or two sentences related to agency practice for support of Pre-ETS consumers to annually participate in consumer national conventions?
12. Chapter 10 Other Services: – Reader Services - The state minimum wage is now $12.00, and we list the max for readers as $10.00 per hour. Would it be more reasonable to list a certain percentage above minimum wage such as 75% instead of an actual dollar amount?
13. Chapter 10 Other Services: Reader Services for consumers enter or retaining employment – The maximum amount allowable is listed at $10.00 per hour, which is below state minimum wage.
14. Chapter 10 Other Services: Consumer Responsibilities - Change Recordings for the Blind to Learning Ally.
15. Chapter 15 Consumer Rights – Civil Rights: Should sexual orientation and gender identity be added to the following statement “All consumers of the Commission have the right to fair and equitable treatment without regard to race, gender, age, color, creed, national origin, or disability.”?
16. Chapter 15 Consumer Rights – Client Assistance Program: The address needs to be updated.
17. Chapter 16 – Review of Determinations Made by Commission Personnel: Mediation -- Our current VR Rights and Responsibilities presently lists Jim as the person to contact for mediation; however, the MOP states that the Executive Director should be contacted. Which is correct?
18. Chapter 17 Case File Documentation: Contact Reports – Guidelines: Should we add email exchanges to the basis for a contact report in Items 1 and 3?
19. Chapter 17 Case File Documentation: Standards for contact reports: Current practices allows 21 days for a contact report to be uploaded. Should this be added to item 1?
20. In Chapters 1 through 17, we refer to individuals on the binary. Should we add their or themselves to observe DEIA practices in these instances?