

BPRO TANF/VIEW Committee Minutes

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

- TANF/VIEW – Program Updates – Monique Majeus
 - As a reminder, TANF UP households will not see an increase to benefits. Consultants are still getting emails and phone calls about this after the July release. Please review the Transmittal document for clarification.
 - ESP Redesign – There is a committee in place that is working on the ESP redesign. If you are currently participating on the calls, do not be afraid to speak up if you hear something that is being discussed that either goes against policy or is not user friendly. The team is looking for input from the ground level workers so the ESP area in VACMS functions the best it possibly can. Pay close attention to what you are experiencing on the local level in regards to guidance and system issues, take notes, and bring it to the table if you are in on the calls.
 - IEVS Redesign – Monique is working on this project. This is coming down the road so that along with the report, there will be a process as to how to work the report in the system.
 - Other Projects currently in the works:
 - Case Name Change Process
 - Eliminating Duplicate Client IDs
 - Removing Individuals from a case
 - October Transmittal 69 will include FPL and Standard of Assistance updates.
 - No penalties on the local level for work participation rates or for not clearing out your queue, however it is recommended that agencies start working with the clients in the queue.
 - Reopening VIEW call on 7/23/2020 – A call was held with directors, managers, supervisors, and senior ESWs to discuss the reopening of the VIEW program. The call was very productive and the TANF / VIEW team received a lot of good questions and feedback. A Q&A document was sent out via ListServ and it is also located on Fusion.

- Guest Speaker – Cassandra Elliston “VIEW Sanctions and Ending Non-Compliance TANF and VIEW”
 - During case readings, they are still seeing sanctions being ended or dealt with incorrectly. Some workers are simply overriding the results instead of ending the non-compliance in EST and in Data Collection. Workers are reminded that effective 4/1/2020, sanctions must be lifted for all individuals with an existing sanction as long as the fixed period has passed and no new sanctions are to be imposed until further notice.
 - A power point presentation was shared to show the steps on how to properly end the non-compliance in the ESP module and then lift the sanction correctly in data collection. The powerpoint will be shared on BPRO’s website. There is also a desk aid on Fusion called “Ending Non-Compliance in the VaCMS During COVID-19”

- Committee Charges
 - Reference Guide for Community College system programs across the state with contact info in each region.
 - Communication with League regarding Workforce Development through Employment Services Committee
 - Continue to conduct committee meetings with interesting and relevant guests / topics
 - Learn more about how to make virtual meetings more interactive to enhance member participation