

Policy Committee - 2/23/2025

People really want information at public forums and it has become a complaint forum. Need to have more input from DVRS vendors as well as from employers and program participants. Last year people felt they were informational sessions and not sessions for public comment.

It was suggested that a letter from the DVRS Director & SRC Chair go out as part of the public forum invitation, asking for public feedback in order to make the NJDVRS program the best in the USA. Also, explain in the invitation what the forum does and how it works.

Can one forum be held as a hybrid – in person and virtual?

Can emails about the forums go out to program participants through DVRS?

Suggestions for Public Forum topics:

1. What improvements would be suggested to improve the overall NJDVRS program?
2. What were you hoping to achieve when you contacted DVRS? What worked and what did not work?

A letter of support should be sent to RSA saying it is important to have qualified rehabilitation counselors to hire and that RSA training grants should be continued. Janice will put together a brief draft for Margaret to send in to RSA by the deadline date later in February.

DVRS will be reviewing the case services policy manual and making updates as needed. Committee will review changes as appropriate.