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From: Mirkovich, Katie (DSHS/OOS/DVR)
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 3:42 PM
To: Monts, Brandi (DDC); West, Linda (DDC)
Subject: RE: Final DDC Pieces for Walla Walla

Hi Brandi and Linda,

Great meeting today! Thank you both for sharing my DVR update tomorrow.

DVR Order of Selection Status

We are in the process of amending the 2024-2027 DVR State Plan to close some of our priority of service categories under our Order of Selection. Visit the [DVR State Plan page](#) to view the State Plan Amendment draft and link to the Washington Administrative Codes.

An **Order of Selection** is how the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation prioritizes services for people who need them most. It is required by federal law when the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation does not have sufficient resources to serve all eligible customers.

- When customers are determined **eligible**, they are assigned to a **priority of service category** based on the significance of their disability. Assigning a priority of service category is based on the impact of the disability, not the type of disability.
- During an Order of Selection, priority of service categories are either **open** or **closed**.
 - Eligible customers assigned to an **open category** can receive the full range of vocational rehabilitation services.
 - Eligible customers assigned to a **closed category** will be placed on a statewide waitlist for services. If the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has additional resources to serve more customers, those who are waiting on the statewide waitlist may be released. A customer who has been released from the waitlist can receive the full range of vocational rehabilitation services.
- If you are a **customer with an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)**, you will continue to receive vocational rehabilitation services and you will not be assigned to a waitlist regardless of your priority of service category. Said differently, if you are a customer with an Individualized Plan for Employment, you will NOT be impacted by Order of Selection

DVR met with the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and they had questions for us about our State Plan Amendment Draft to close some of our service priority categories. At this time, we do not have a confirmed date for closing categories, as we need to prepare our responses and engage in further discussion with RSA.

[Order of Selection Information | DSHS \(wa.gov\)](#)

If you have questions, please reach out to DVRStatePlan@dshs.wa.gov and we will respond as soon as possible.

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Subject: Re: Final DDC Pieces for Walla Walla

Hey there Katie, thanks for the heads up! Please let us know if you have updates from DVR that we can share during the agency report outs on Friday. I'm including Linda here so she is aware as well. Hope your day is going well and thanks again!

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Hi Brandi,

I hope you are having a great day.

I wanted to let you know that I will be attending the DDC meeting virtually on Thursday only. Unfortunately, I have an appointment on Friday that I cannot reschedule.

Looking forward to the DDC meeting!

Thank you,
Katie

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From: Monts, Brandi (DDC) <brandi.monts@ddc.wa.gov>

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Subject: Final DDC Pieces for Walla Walla

Hello everyone, I'm sending a few final pieces of information to help prepare for the upcoming meeting next week. As always, please reach out with questions. See you all soon!

1. The Packet Talk video link to help you understand the council meeting packet prior to the meeting can be found here: [WADDC | Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](#). My apologies that I missed sending that in my last message.
2. The flyer for the Walla Walla County Transition Fair on Wednesday night can be found here: [2024 Transition & Resource Expo : Calendar of Events | Walla Walla Valley Disability Network \(www.vdn.org\)](#). Please help us share with your networks and we hope to see you there.
3. The Behavioral Health/IDD project that the National Leadership Consortium (NLC) did for us is complete and posted on our website here: [67081c7f2e30eb81bebd71d6 Behavioral Health Report and Supplemental Materials Merged.pdf \(website-files.com\)](#). You may remember that the project includes both a paper and a plan to hold an event on this topic in 2025. The event is one of the options we are asking you to vote on next Thursday at the meeting. We recommend checking out the paper and event plan to help get information as you consider how you'll vote. The information is very dense so at the least, I suggest you read the Report Summary section on page 8 of the PDF (page 1 of the actual report) to hear what they found, as well as their suggestions for an agenda starting on page 2 of the event plan.

All of this information is posted on the members page of our website alongside the other messages I send out. That page is a great place to use if you need to find any of this information as you prepare for the meetings:

[WADDC | Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council](#)

Have a great weekend and please reach out if we can help. See you all soon!

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