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#### **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

#### Between

# Rosebud Sioux Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services And

### South Dakota Department of Human Services

#### Purpose

This cooperative agreement is implemented for the purpose of enhancing the delivery of vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to South Dakota American Indians who reside on or near the Rosebud Indian Reservation, and to define the working relationship between the Rosebud Sicangu Vocational Rehabilitation (hereafter referred to as AIVRS or RSVR) and the South Dakota Department of Human Services (hereafter referred to as DHS) as required in Section 101(11)(H) of the Rehabilitation Act and, to continue the working relationship that was developed with initial application effort according to Part C. Section 121. (b)(1)(C).

This cooperative agreement will address how the Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies (Divisions of Rehabilitation Services and Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired) within the Department of Human Services and the Rosebud Sicangu Vocational Rehabilitation and the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services will cooperate to effectively and efficiently provide rehabilitation services to eligible American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

#### **Definitions:**

The following definitions will apply in this cooperative agreement:

- AIVRS: American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- RSVR: Rosebud Sicangu Vocational Rehabilitation
- DSA: The Designated State Agency, which in this case is the South Dakota Department of Human Services.
- DSU: The Designated State Units, which in this case are the two divisions that provide VR services: The Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Division of Service to the Blind & Visually Impaired.
- Section 121 Project: a discretionary grant authorized by the Rehabilitation Services Administration to governing bodies of Indian Tribes for the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities residing on or near the reservation.
- Indian Tribe: any State or federally recognized Indian Tribe.
- Reservation: A State or federally recognized Indian Reservation.
- In accordance with the 1998 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act, the Rosebud Sicangu Vocational Rehabilitation defines "Near" as 50 miles beyond the exterior boundary of the reservation.

IPE: Individualized Plan for Employment

#### Legal Basis:

The Rehabilitation Act authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide vocational rehabilitation services for all eligible South Dakota residents.

Section 121 of the Rehabilitation Act authorizes discretionary grants to governing bodies of Indian Tribes located on Federal and State reservations for the provision of vocational rehabilitation services for American Indians with disabilities residing on or near such reservations.

Section 121(b)(1)(B) of the Act states that vocational rehabilitation services provided by tribal agencies to American Indians with disabilities residing on or near a reservation will be, to the maximum extent feasible, comparable to the services that are provided to other individuals with disabilities residing in the State.

Section 101(13) of the Act requires that the DSUs provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians who are individuals with disabilities residing in the State to the same extent as the designated State agency provides such services to other significant populations of individuals with disabilities residing in the State.

#### Agreement:

In order to ensure the coordination of vocational rehabilitation services provided by the DSUs and the AIVRS, the following procedures will be utilized:

- DSU policy changes will be communicated to AIVRS.
- RSVR/AIVRS and DSUs are committed to conducting joint training and will meet periodically to discuss pertinent issues.
- DSUs will offer RSVR/AIVRS staff members the opportunity to participate in DSU sponsored in-service training sessions and other relevant meetings.
- As mandated by the Rehab. Act Sec. 105(b)(1)(A)(ix), seats on the DSUs' state rehabilitation councils are reserved for a representative of the directors of the 121 projects in the state.

In order to establish a description of how vocational rehabilitation services will be provided to individuals served concurrently by the DSUs and RSVR/AIVRS:

- The referral process (Attachment I) between DSUs and RSVR/AIVRS will be followed whenever American Indian clients return to or leave the reservation.
- Case services provided by DSUs will be paid for using the State Agency payment system.
- Case services provided by RSVR/AIVRS will be paid for using the method approved by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

- Each DSU will designate a staff person to be the contact person with RSVR/AIVRS.
  The RSVR/AIVRS project director will be the designated contact for the
  RSVR/AIVRS Program, or the director will designate an RSVR/AIVRS project staff
  to act as the contact.
- Each agency reserves the right to independently determine eligibility, the scope of an individual's IPE, and the criteria for case closure.
- In those situations where dual case management is necessary, the counselors involved will consult with one another on a regular basis to avoid duplication and assure continuity of services. Procedures to be followed are found in Attachment II.
- RSVR/AIVRS will accept primary responsibility for case management and the
  provision of rehabilitation services for clients residing on or near the reservation. It is
  further understood that RSVR/AIVRS is intended to be the primary service provider;
  however, any client may choose to apply for DSUs for services. (Sec. 121(b) (3))

In order to coordinate the provision of transition planning and transition services for students with disabilities, the following procedures will be used by the DSUs and AIVRS:

- The Transition Services Liaison Project (TSLP) jointly funded by the DSUs and the State Office of Special Education is available to provide technical assistance to the RSVR/AIVRS and schools on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and in South Dakota.
- The DSUs will make available a paid work experience program (Project Skills) to eligible students with disabilities.
- The Benefits Specialists services funded by the DSUs are available to provide Social Security Work Incentives benefits assessment and counseling services for Vocational Rehabilitation students of the DSUs and/or RSVR/AIVRS.

#### Courtesy:

The RSVR/AIVRS will provide office space for visiting DSU employees that are providing rehabilitation services to American Indians with Disabilities. The office space will be a confidential setting with a desk, chairs, a phone, and internet connection.

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Disputes involving this agreement shall be resolved by the respective DSU director and the RSVR/AIVRS director. All disputes will be resolved in a timely manner.

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### Attachment I Referral Process

The following are agreed upon procedures will ensure that continued vocational rehabilitation services are provided to American Indian clients who return to or leave the reservation.

Case file information will be made available upon request and receipt of a Release of Information form signed by the client for the DSU contact person to make a referral to the AIVRS contact person or for the AIVRS contact person to make a referral to the DSU contact person with the following:

- Any known information of the client's new address and other pertinent information,
- The current status of the case or action that the DSU intends to take regarding the client's case. If it is determined that both the DSU and AIVRS will have an active case on the client, then refer to Attachment II for dual case management procedures.

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