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VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

TRANSITIONAL FIELD GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #1

TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS
FROM: WIA UNIT -- JOAN VELLIQUETTE POWERS
SUBJECT: CONSUMER REPORTS SYSTEM
DATE: 06/15/2000
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We have just learned that the statewide training provider consumer reports system will not be up and running on July 1st, 2000 as we had hoped it would be. Our fellow partners in the Mid-Atlantic Career Consortium have relayed this bad news to us only recently.

Several training providers and Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) staff have spoken to me about the problem of what LWIBs should do to get training providers certified in the absence of a statewide consumer reports system. Policy 00-7 is certainly based on the assumption that there will be one in place!

LWIBs should go ahead and take applications from local training providers, following the WIA Policy 00-7 for initial eligibility, and get their list of eligible local training providers ready for PY 2000.

Attachment A. I. C. of Policy 00-7 deals specifically with the information that must be gathered for the statewide system. Until there is a statewide system, LWIBs must decide what information is needed from their local training providers to inform local consumers about the services and they must decide how they will disseminate that information through their local one-stop delivery system. As soon as VEC gets the statewide system up and running, LWIBs will be required to gather information on each training provider according to policy. Until then, we ask LWIBs to work closely with their eligible training providers to get good information out to the customers in their areas to the best of their abilities.

If you have questions about this guidance, please call Joan Powers at 804-225-2192 or e-mail me at jpowers@vec.state.va.us.