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A Message from Your President

We Hear You!

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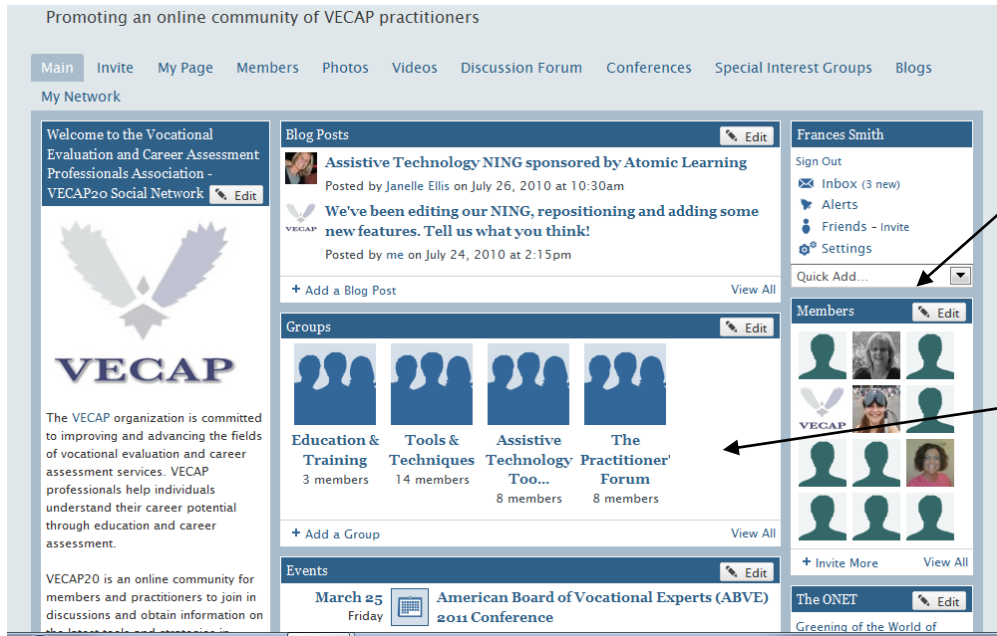
As we close the month of July, 2010, I'm happy to report that VECAP continues to move forward and focus on crafting a strategic plan for our exciting future. Your VECAP Board is listening to your comments, your suggestions, and your pleas. Keep them coming! The National Issues Forum was a very successful venture and places us in a positive financial position. As a result of that gain, we are working on ways to reach, teach, and connect our members. One of these tools is our personalized VECAP20.ning.com social network. This is a private space for members only and includes information about some best practices, tools and techniques, upcoming conferences, and trends. This is one area we hope to expand and add even more functions and resources to enhance your practice. As a member of VECAP, you have the ability to add a discussion, post a training event in your region, and add files and tools. Take a look on the next page and see how this might be of assistance.

So, why do we think this is important? VECAP is trying to be very responsive to its members' needs and this opens a forum space that can keep those conversations going. Join VECAP20.ning.com today. If you don't have a login/password, just contact our home office at Office@VECAP.org !

We are also listening to your requests about the place of the CVE certification, your need for more training, and the place/space for our publications. Know that your VECAP Board is looking at solutions, involving themselves in national conversations, elevating our national positions with our partners, and looking for solutions. As this newsletter unfolds, you'll read several articles that address these concerns and much more is forthcoming.

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VECAP is moving forward and looking to the future. Consider being a more involved member, a social media contributor/discussant on our Ning or Facebook page, join a Board Committee or consider how you can offer your skills as a member of the Board. The time is now! ❖



Links to **registered VECAP members** and a place to send email, post your own profile and share!

Access to **Special Interest Groups** that provide discussions around topics that support your work, resources, files and website links.

Listings of **current training and conference events**. Any member can post and update this area so start sharing!!

Ongoing **RSS updates to information** from several national websites with up-to-the minute updates.



VECAP Representation on CORE's Commission on Standards and Accreditation

By Juliet H. Fried, VECAP Representative

The annual meeting of the Council on Rehabilitation Education's (CORE's) Commission on Standards and Accreditation was held on July 13-15th, 2010 in Schaumburg, Illinois. VECAP has a seat on this Commission and I currently serve as VECAP's representative. It is my pleasure to provide a report of this year's annual meeting and activities.

The mission of CORE continues to be "the accreditation of Rehabilitation Counselor Education (RCE) Programs to promote the effective delivery of rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities by promoting and fostering continuing review and improvement of master's degree level RCE Programs". There is also a CORE Registry which recognizes undergraduate programs in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies. The Commission on Standards and Accreditation is the evaluation component of CORE whose responsibility is to "evaluate programs for their compliance with standards and to recommend to CORE the granting of recognition." The Commission is separate from the CORE Board but the Chair of the Commission is a member of the CORE Board. This year's Commission activities involved: reviewing, discussing and interpreting accreditation standards for those academic programs that were up for review this year; reviewing annual reports for all accredited programs to ensure continued compliance; and discussing and making recommendations about the final draft of the Revised CORE Standards.

In September of 2008, CORE began to conduct a multi-year Standards Review Project to determine the status of existing accreditation standards as they relate to the current field of rehabilitation counseling and the education programs which provide master's level training in this area. Comments and suggestions to the Standards Review Committee were solicited from the field after each of four (4) drafts was published. A copy of Final Draft #4 of the Revised CORE

Accreditation Standards can be found at the CORE website (www.core-rehab.org). The CORE Board was to consider the adoption of the Final Revised Standards at their annual meeting on July 15–16, 2010 following the Commission's annual meeting. At this point in time, no decision has been communicated regarding the outcome of this issue.

Prior to the Commission's work each year at the annual meeting, a comprehensive self-study report is developed by RCE Programs wishing to become accredited or maintain accreditation. This report is then submitted to CORE before a site visit can be scheduled. Site visits are conducted by an experienced site reviewer and one who is relatively new to the process. The site reviewer team ensures that all standards have been addressed which result in the development of a detailed written report to CORE. This report assists CORE's Commission in their accreditation recommendations and the Board's final accreditation decisions. To be eligible to become a site reviewer, you must attend one of the Site Reviewer Trainings which are usually held a couple of times a year at various conferences. If you are interested in pursuing this training and becoming a CORE site reviewer, please contact the CORE Home Office at sdenys@cpcredentialing.com. Past and current VECAP members have served as site reviewers. It is a wonderful opportunity for assessment and evaluation professionals, particularly rehabilitation educators, to use their skills in another capacity. ❖

The Members Area login password will change August 7, 2010. The new password will be sent to you via e-mail on Friday, August 6. If you do not receive the new password by Monday, August 8, please let us know at Office@vecap.org. ❖



Professional Certification Update

By Shawn L. Zimmerman M.S., CRC, CVE, Education Coordinator

As you probably know, the Commission on Certification on Work Adjustment and Vocational Evaluation (CCWAVES) no longer exists and the process to become a Certified Vocational Evaluator (CVE) is no longer available. Although there are no new vocational evaluators becoming certified as CVEs, individuals holding the CVE designation can continue to maintain it. Therefore, the CVE designation still exists in maintenance status only.

Leaders in the vocational evaluation profession are exploring a different process and credential for vocational evaluation. A task force of volunteer members was formed by the leadership from Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP), the Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWAA), Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI) and the Department of Rehabilitation and Counseling at the University of Wisconsin–Stout. This Task Force for Alternative Credentialing has been meeting since summer 2009 and is chaired by John Lui, Executive Director of SVRI at UW–Stout.

With a strong commitment to market research and data–based decision making, the task force conducted an online survey in early 2010 to determine interest and guidance in the details of the credentialing process. Nearly 70% of the 964 participants were interested in a credential, selecting “Professional Vocational Evaluator” (PVE) as the name.

It is apparent that the field is asking for another credential. The preferences expressed in the survey will guide the task force in crafting a process and recommending its promotion to the leadership of VECAP and VEWAA. Those recommendations should be submitted by the end of the summer 2010.

Please share this exciting news with your colleagues. It is the task force’s goal to recommend a sustainable credential and promote professional practice among those in the field of vocational evaluation. Please watch the two professional websites, www.vecap.org and www.vewaa.com, for more details later this summer. ❖

Membership Services

By Amanda McCarthy, Member Services Coordinator

Work Sample Manuals and Tools

Is your agency feeling financial stress in this economic environment? Did you know that as a VECAP member you have access to many work sample manuals and tools? We want to remind you that by logging into the member's area on the VECAP website you can download work sample manuals, TORs, and other tools that that you can use in your practice. Work samples include auto servicing, cashier checker, data entry, custodial, web page designer and the list continues.

We encourage you to add to our collection by submitting your own work sample materials. If you would like to add to this growing online work sample exchange, please send the following by email to our home office:

- a short description of the work sample
- the work sample instructional manual
- any additional work sample rating or instructional forms

(Please send in a pdf file format—if at all possible. If not, send in a Word or RTF document format)

Do you know someone interested in joining VECAP?

If you know someone that might be interested in joining VECAP, send them to vecap.org. They can find out about membership benefits like newsletters, journals, discounted registration at forum and other training events, voting privileges, eligibility to hold office in VECAP, networking opportunities, and much more. They can also join online. Help us make our organization and profession even stronger by recruiting new members!

VECAP is on Facebook

We wanted to remind you that VECAP has a Facebook page. You can access the page from VECAP's homepage www.vecap.org or search for us on Facebook. Be sure to join!

As always, if you have questions, comments, or ideas please do not hesitate to contact your VECAP Membership Services Coordinator Amanda McCarthy at amccarthy@niu.edu . ❖

Standards Committee

By Jean E. Johnson, Ed.D, CRC, Standards Coordinator

Following the ending of CCWAVES and the credential for new vocational evaluators, a nine (9) member task force was formed in July 2009 to explore options for a new credential. Current Certified Vocational Evaluators (CVE) can continue to maintain their certification through CRCC. The Vocational Evaluation Credentialing Task Force, headed by John Lui, continues to work diligently on exploring a different process and credential for vocational evaluation. The task force is a joint effort of the leadership from Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment (VECAP), the Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWA), Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI) and the Department of Rehabilitation and Counseling at the University of Wisconsin–Stout.

The task force conducted an online survey in early 2010 to determine interest and guidance in the details of the credentialing process. Almost 70% of the 964 participants in the survey indicated an interest in a credential for new vocational evaluators. The preferred name for the credential is Professional Vocational Evaluator (PVE).

Clearly, the field of vocational evaluation still wants the distinction of a credential. The task force will use information from the survey to guide the development of a new credentialing process. The goal of the task force is to recommend a sustainable credential and promote professional practice among those in the field of vocational evaluation. Recommendations are expected to be submitted by the end of summer 2010. ❖

"A Conversation with the Commissioner of RSA"

Wednesday, August 4, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. EASTERN.

August 4, 2010 (This Wednesday!) a TeleSeminar entitled "A Conversation with the Commissioner of RSA," will be conducted from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. (EASTERN), with time afforded for comments and questions.

To register for this important TeleSeminar with Commissioner Ruttledge, one of our highest ranking and one of the most respected individuals in the Nation's capital and elsewhere, click here:

<http://www.nationalrehab.org/cwt/External/WCPages/WCEvents/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=50>



PAST VECAP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mike Rubin VEWA/VECAP Service Award

1979. Rose Mestrow, Bill Rabucha
 1980. Bill Pardue, Arnie Sax
 1981. Gordon Keyte, Paul Meyer
 1982. Darrell Coffey, Bonnie Jones
 1983. Jan Potyka
 1984. Dennis Maki
 1985. Bob Davis
 1986. Jeri Carter, Randy Gray
 1987. Marsha Andersen, Ron Fry
 1988. Gary Sigmon
 1989. Karen Pell
 1991. Jane Ruff, Doug Seiler
 1992. Fran Smith
 1993. Joe Ashley, Lynn Dowd
 1994. Geri Harrand
 1995. Randal Elston, Martha Ensley Stokes
 1996. Lee Stroud
 1997. Juliet Fried
 1998. Darrell Turner
 2001. Diane Uliana
 2003. Karen Pell
 2005. Maureen McGuire-Kuletz
 2007. Lynn R. Dowd
 2010. Joan Kester
 2010. Dr. Fran Smith

Dick Omang Best Practices Award

1995. Norma Colyer, Kyle Vohlken
 1996. Cecilia Sumner
 1997. Pam Winpiger
 2001. Norma Colyer, Ken Zangla
 2003. Leicester Johnson
 2005. Wesley Greenwood
 2007. Mary Piatt
 2010. Patricia McCarthy

Paul R. Hoffman Award

1974. Paul Hoffinan
 1975. Bernie Rosenberg
 1976. Julian Nadolsky
 1977. Tom Gannaway
 1978. Arnie Sax
 1979. Bob Couch
 1980. Jack Sink
 1982. Dick Baker
 1983. Paul Meyer
 1984. Darrell Coffey
 1985. Randall McDaniel
 1986. Everett Barton
 1987. Walter Pruitt
 1988. Carl Botterbusch
 1989. Stephen Thomas
 1990. Don Ross
 1991. Pam LeConte
 1992. Marsha Anderson
 1994. Julius Villemarette
 1995. Ron Fry, Karen Pell
 1996. Susan Fewell
 1997. Darrell Taylor
 1998. Thomas Modahl
 2001. Geri Harrand
 2002. Fran Smith
 2003. Pamela LeConte
 2005. Nancy Scott
 2007. Joe Ashley
 2010. Steve Kirby



VECAP Journal News

First—a big thanks to **Deb Homa**, Ph.D., CRC, CVE, for her work as co-editor of the VECAP Journal. She has resigned her position to pursue other interests. We do appreciate all your efforts to promote VECAP.

Second—continued thanks to **Cari Schmidt**, Ph.D., for her continuation as VECAP co-editor. In addition to her co-editor duties, Cari is a Research Assistant Professor with the Department of Research at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, KS. Contact Cari at cschmidt3@kumc.edu

Third—welcome to **Steve Sligar**, Ed.D., CVE, as a new co-editor. While not working on the Journal, Steve is an Associate Professor and Director of the Graduate Program in Vocational Evaluation in the Department of Rehabilitation Studies at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. Contact Steve at sligars@ecu.edu

- Be on the lookout for the next issue of the VECAP Journal—it contains interesting, informative and practical articles.
- We (VECAP Board and the editors) have listened to you and the results of our readers' survey will be included in the next issue of the VECAP Journal. Look for changes to the website and future VECAP Journal issues and thanks to all who participated!
- Want to submit a manuscript for review? Please send to office@vecap.org ❖

Check out the VECAP social media connections/addresses at:

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Functional Capacity Evaluation Available at ECU

ECU has new way to evaluate rehab progress after injury

New equipment in the College of Allied Health Sciences will help rehabilitation studies students evaluate a person's physical readiness to go back to work after an injury.

East Carolina University is the first school in the UNC system and the only one in North Carolina using Joule, a functional capacity evaluation system made by Valpar International Corporation.

"If someone has had a work injury or illness, and he or she wants to return to work, this system can help determine how much can be done after injury," said Dr. Steven Sligar, assistant professor of rehabilitation studies and director of the graduate program in vocational evaluation.

The system, which combines diagnostic equipment and specialized computer software, allows vocational evaluation students to take a person through a series of 20–30 progressive tests to measure a range of abilities, from how much weight someone can lift to balance and stair climbing. It includes a time stamp and stopwatch to determine how long each task takes and how soon someone is fatigued by an activity.

"Within each test, you can make recommendations and modifications. You're basically writing your report while you're doing the evaluation," Sligar said.

The evaluator enters findings into a computer program that produces, on average, a seven-page report to help determine appropriate job matches based on the person's physical abilities.

"We're excited about having it," Sligar said. "I like to say the idea behind it is to find the cans rather than the can'ts."

Master's and doctoral degree students will use the equipment, as well as clients in the college's Project Working Recovery, a service research project that assists individuals in choosing, getting and keeping a job as a means to sustain recovery from addiction, Sligar said.

The equipment often is used in worker's compensation and large rehabilitation centers, where students may work after graduation.

"It will be a good skill for them to have," Sligar said. ❖

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Half Page	\$125.00
Full Page	\$250.00

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