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Program Services Report

May is Job Placement Month

Every May, Kentucky celebrates its signature industry, horse racing, with a little event in Louisville called the Kentucky Derby. Also every May, the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) celebrates Job Placement Month with special events across the state. From west to east, this is how the agency celebrated Job Placement Month in 2009.

In **Gilbertsville**, KYOVR staff from the **Paducah** district conducted a joint retreat with staff from the West Kentucky Easter Seal Center, a community rehabilitation program. Topics at the retreat included job placement for individuals reentering the community after incarceration, job placement for the deaf and hard of hearing population and an overview of Medicaid's new Michelle P. Waiver. Staff from the **Madisonville** district participated in Job Expo 2009 held at the JobNet Career Center in Madisonville, featuring 40 employers and representatives from various training providers and workforce agencies. 500 job seekers participated in the event. The **Henderson** office celebrated Job Placement Month by hosting a luncheon for KYOVR job placement staff, local community rehabilitation program staff, Community Based Work Transition program staff, and supported employment providers. In **Owensboro**, Laurel Conners, a Probation and Parole Officer with the US Dept. of Justice from Lexington presented 'Understanding Criminal Histories and Transition Interventions for the Offender Population' to staff on June 23.

In **Bowling Green**, the district office sponsored a "Self-Confidence Workshop" event for consumers participating in job placement services on May 20. KYOVR Counselor Chriseonia Thomas presented on the significance of developing and maintaining a positive sense of self during the course of the job search process. The district office in **Elizabethtown** worked with WVLC 99.9FM "The Big Dawg" radio station based out of Campbellsville to provide information about



Chriseonia Thomas, KYOVR Counselor in Bowling Green, speaks to consumers about positive self-image.



Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) is presented with a certificate of appreciation by KYOVR staff from the Louisville and Middletown districts.

vocational rehabilitation services through public service announcements (PSA).

Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS) hosted an activity for the Job Placement Team of the **Louisville** and **Middletown** districts on May 14. Counselors and job placement specialists learned about the job opportunities available at ACS and about the company's Ability Hiring Initiative. ACS also provided a tour of the facility. Staff in **Taylorsville** and representatives from the Taylorsville/Spencer County Economic Development Authority (TSCEDA) met with the owners of Snappy Tomato Pizza, a new business opening in Spencer County

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looking to hire at least 20 new employees, to explain what services KYOVR could provide to a new business. KYOVR staff worked with more than 200 high school students at Spencer County High School on interview



Mellisa Scott participated in 'First Impressions Make the Difference' in Danville.

skills, resume writing and filling out applications. As a result of this collaborative activity, TSCEDA Director Annette King wants to offer vocational rehabilitation services to other potential new businesses in the future.

The **Danville** office sponsored a seminar "First Impressions Make The Difference" on May 29. Among the activities, consumers had their hair trimmed or styled for free and were given mini-makeovers. Afterward, participant Mellisa Scott proclaimed 'I feel so pretty and confident. This is just what I needed!' In **Albany**, Somerset office celebrated May as Job Placement Month by participating in a resource fair being held in association with the National Drug Court Month and in celebration of 20 years of Drug Court programs in America.

On May 19, Cheryl Martinez, Employer Relations Specialist and Ryan Henson, Vocational Rehabilitation

Counselor/Substance Abuse Specialist summarized and shared materials with the **Florence** district staff highlighting what they learned at the recent statewide training on the subject of 'Outcome Improvement for Ex-Offender Consumers.' The **Bluegrass** and **Lexington** Districts Job Placement staff conducted a Windmills Disability Awareness Training for the Lexington personnel of Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. on May 7. The Bluegrass and Lexington Districts Job Placement staff also hosted a grand opening of their computer laboratory on



The Bluegrass and Lexington districts conducted a disability awareness training for ACS in Lexington.



Central Office staff toured ZLB Plasma as part of Job Placement Month activities.

May 21. **Central Office** staff toured ZLB Plasma located on Versailles Road in **Lexington**. ZLB, a national plasma center, has worked closely with KYOVR.

Job Placement Specialist Todd Hines in **Richmond** raised awareness of vocational rehabilitation services with members of the Lee and Owsley Counties Kentucky Targeted Assessment Program (KTAP) Advisory Committee. KTAP is a partnership between the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the University of Kentucky that provides assessment and case management services and is an excellent partner for referrals and collaboration. Hines also met with Laurel Conners from the United States Department of Justice and Glenn Minor, Deputy Director of the Louisville Metro Reentry Task

Force (LMRTF). Ms. Conners is looking to help establish a similar reentry task force in Central Kentucky.

Program Services Report *continued*

May is Job Placement Month

On May 4, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center in **Thelma** kicked off Job Placement Month with instruction for the students on computer job searches, job applications and resumes. On May 11, students participated in a Fashion Show Do's & Don'ts and an Employer Panel provided insight on what they look for when conducting an interview with job applicants. The Employer Panel consisted of representatives from the local business community. Kim Castle of Peebles® in Paintsville provided clothing for our students who were modeling the proper "do's". On May 21, the CDPVTC staff conducted a Reality Store. Each student was assigned a job within their training field, a salary and a particular number of children. They rotated throughout the Reality Store making purchases and paying for items such as child care, utilities, housing, etc. on the salary allotted to them. On May 28, Job Placement Month activities wrapped up with a presentation at the Center and a 'question and answer' session involving field staff.

In **Louisa**, on Friday, May 22, 2009, KYOVR staff from the **Ashland** and **West Liberty** districts heard Yatesville Lake State Park Manager Mike Sullivan provide information on the local tourism industry, and the application process for jobs at the park.

Corbin staff attended the Tri-County Recovery Resource Fair, hosted by the Knox, Whitley, and Laurel Counties Drug Courts, to present services to former offenders and current drug court participants. The **Harlan** office worked collaboratively with Southeast Kentucky Rehabilitation Industries (SEKRI) and the local one-stop to plan a Community Job Fair on June 3. **Hazard** office staff attended a college job fair at the Hazard Community and Technical College campus to provide information and handouts about VR services to both graduating and current students. The **Whitesburg** district closed out the month with a team training on "Making the most out of VR Resources to Achieve Positive Employment Outcomes".

Article submitted by Beth Smith

Message from Executive Director, Beth Smith



By the time you see this update, I hope to have the final approval for how we can spend our stimulus money. The plan we have submitted will include a majority of the money going to offset the loss to our budget for this fiscal year and the next. If approved, the remaining funds will be used for supported employment, transition services and new training programs. There is still some concern that should state revenue remain low, we would have to consider going up in the order of selection when the stimulus dollars run out at the end of FY 2010. I'm not going to sugar-coat it: the budget situation is bad. However, we are going to work diligently to assure that we can continue to serve the most Kentuckians with disabilities possible. There are no plans as of now to change the order of selection.

I know under the current circumstances our staff feels like they are being asked to do more with less. I assure you that we are exploring every opportunity to get our staff the resources they need to do their job. We are trying to help with staffing by filling every position possible and are exploring new ideas like summer work programs and temporary employment. Hopefully with the legislators in a special session to look for new revenue streams, a brighter day is ahead in the near future.

A couple of quick notes before closing. Workforce Development Commissioner Bob McWilliams recently announced his retirement. For now our agency answers directly to Deputy Secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, Joe Meyer. Deputy Secretary Meyer recently addressed the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation and expressed strong support of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and our mission. My counterpart at the Office for the Blind, Beth Cross recently announced her retirement and the Director of Field Services, Chris Smith, is now the acting Executive Director.

In closing, I had the opportunity to attend the graduation ceremony at the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center on June 12, and I was blown away by this year's event. This was my fifth time to watch the students receive their diplomas and I think this may have been the best yet. It was a wonderful day, the center looked phenomenal, the ceremony was very interesting and the students looked ready to change the world. I would like to extend kudos to Barb Pugh and the entire Perkins Center staff for making the 2009 CDPVTC Graduation one of the best ever!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. And as always, I want to thank the KYOVR staff for all they do.

CDPVTC Report

Vocational Services Restructured



This spring, the vocational services unit completely restructured the services and programs offered at CDPVTC. Work Adjustment Program (WAP) is no longer a separate program. Consumers were typically enrolled in WAP for approximately three months to address pre-vocational behaviors such as timeliness, grooming and hygiene, supervisor and co-worker relations, etc. In the reorganized Vocational Services Unit, all pre-vocational skills will be addressed within a skilled training program. Consumers will choose a career track upon admission and schedules will revolve around developing the skills necessary for a job in that track. In addition, CDPVTC currently offers occupational skills training in building maintenance, child care development, cosmetology, custodial services, food services, groundskeeping, industrial truck operation, materials management, nail technology and office technology. Vocational services staff are researching the possibility of developing a training program in pet grooming.

The Center is seeking to expand its presence in the community while enhancing its services. We are currently in negotiations with a local nursing home to provide training to individuals interested in becoming Certified Nurse Assistants, with Wal-Mart® to help fill local job openings and with McDonalds® to train individuals to make their gourmet coffees. Additionally, off-site internships in materials management have available at Sandy Valley Fasteners®.

Commencement for 2009 graduates was held on June 12, 2009 with 101 students graduating. Former jockey Patricia Cooksey from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission was the keynote speaker.

The Center has submitted an intention to apply for funding through the School and Community Nutrition program to remodel refrigerator and freezer walk-ins.

The Big Sandy Community Action Program has begun a 'Lets Go 2 Work' program and the Center will be one of the sites they use to employ eligible individuals. Two workers have already begun with a total of 10 anticipated.



Joanna Wagoner graduated from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center on June 12.

Employer Recognition Awards

Submitted by Nanci Soard

The Annual Employer Recognition Awards will be given out by the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation at its meeting on September 14, 2009. The luncheon will take place at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel and Resort in Lexington, KY from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Nomination forms will be sent out via e-mail to all staff on July 6 and will be made available on the Internet site, <http://ovr.ky.gov/statewidecouncils/scvr/>

Last year's winners include, Propulsys® (Hopkinsville), Amazon and Integrity Staffing® (Lexington), Fed Ex Ground® (Independence), U.S. Census Bureau® (Jeffersonville, Indiana) and Ulrich Medical Concepts® (Paducah).



Employee Spotlight Presents Suzanne Isaacs

Job Placement Specialist Puts 'Icing on the Cake'



Suzanne Isaacs

Julie McConnell, vocational rehabilitation counselor in Georgetown, has said this about Suzanne Isaacs: "She is insightful when it comes to our consumers and is able to pick up on abilities and specialties. She is courageous and energetic and isn't afraid of the hard work needed in developing employment opportunities.' Such comments are echoed by staff and consumers alike when discussing Suzanne, a job placement specialist for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) in Lexington.

A native of Bourbon County and a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in Social Work, Suzanne began her career with state government with the then Department of Human Resources. After less than two years with that agency, she was encouraged by a former high school classmate (and former KYOVR commissioner), Sam Serraglio, to transfer to vocational rehabilitation as a counselor. Her first counseling job with the agency was at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. In the mid-seventies, the agency still had staff located there to work with individuals who needed physical

restoration services. According to Suzanne, the counselors were often mistaken for physicians since they were required to wear lab coats.

After a couple of years, Suzanne transferred to Danville to work as the agency counselor at the Kentucky School for the Deaf. It was there that she developed the sign language interpreting skills that would serve her well in the years to come. About four years later, she transferred again, this time back to Lexington, where she had a caseload that included the referrals from all four Lexington high schools.

When her second daughter was born in 1988, Suzanne left the agency to raise her children. She worked part-time as a free lance interpreter, assisting with many KYOVR consumers. She returned to the agency in 2001 as a job placement specialist. She says that job placement is her favorite part of the vocational rehabilitation process where you 'get to see the icing on the cake, the final result, a person drawing a paycheck.'

One of her proudest accomplishments with the agency was helping a woman who was profoundly deaf successfully complete medical school. The consumer had tried for seventeen years to get into medical school, receiving numerous rejections. When she was finally accepted by the University of Louisville, the agency, with Suzanne as her counselor, provided extensive interpreting services, speech therapy, an oscilloscope to serve as a stethoscope and a vibrating pager well before such devices were available to the general public. The woman eventually graduated and is now a practicing physician in California.

Faye Best, a former director of deaf services for the agency, was a great influence on Suzanne's career. Suzanne says that Faye was very positive, always encouraging to staff and a vocal and outspoken advocate for consumers. She also cannot say enough about current job placement services coordinator Robin Ritter who 'always gives 100 percent.'

Suzanne is a past winner of the 'Counselor of the Year' Award from the Southeast Regional Institute on the Education and Rehabilitation of Deaf Persons (SERID). She has also won the 'Case of the Year' Award from the Kentucky Rehabilitation Association (KRA) and the Southeast Region of the National Rehabilitation Association (SERNRA). She was the 2008 winner of the Janet B. Gold Job Placement Counselor of the Year Award given by KRA's Job Placement Division. In nominating her for that award, Robin Ritter wrote: 'Suzanne has demonstrated tireless dedication to assisting Kentuckians with disabilities in achieving employment and independence. She listens, advocates and provides creative use of resources to help individuals achieve their goals.'

Suzanne is a breast cancer survivor. She was diagnosed in 1998 and expresses gratitude to fellow survivor Diane Mohler, long-time KYOVR employee now retired, for encouraging her to get a second opinion that she thinks saved her life. Over the years, Suzanne has been involved with Relay for Life, Race for the Cure and frequently acts as a mentor to newly-diagnosed women.

Since 1997, Suzanne has been a part-time model, appearing in print work for such places as Keeneland, Fifth-Third Bank, Bluegrass Airport, the Kentucky Department of Tourism and the University of Kentucky's Annual Healthcare Report. She also serves occasionally as a restaurant mystery customer. Suzanne's oldest daughter, Ashley, is a mathematics teacher at Scott County Middle School and her youngest daughter, Chelsea, lives in Roznichi, a small village in the Ukraine.

Consumer Spotlight

Da'Mian Murray



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Da'Mian Murray was first referred to VR in 2001 by his high school. Eight years later, despite a number of obstacles, he now has a job, a very full schedule, a support system, a stable residence, reliable transportation and a place in the community. Determined to succeed, Da'Mian has persisted through a number of obstacles, including periods of homelessness and several unsuccessful jobs, to reach

his goals.

During his junior year in high school, Da'Mian began receiving services from the community-based work transition program in Jefferson County, Career Opportunities through Vocational Exploration (COVE). He lived with his mother, but they had no permanent address, resulting in attendance problems and breakdowns in communication. Still, by the end of his senior year, he had found employment, working a few hours a week at a local department store. His hours were limited because of transportation issues, as he was relying on family members to get him back and forth to work.

In 2003, Da'mian lost the job at the department store in the midst of changing residences, but soon obtained another one at a local restaurant with the assistance of Brenda Tierney from Harbor House, a supported employment services provider. By the end of October he had moved again and again lost his job. He was hired by another local restaurant, working nearly three months before being laid off.

In May of 2005, Da'mian began the Work Adjustment Training Program at the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center to receive additional training. He returned to Louisville in December without completing the program. His new vocational rehabilitation counselor, Elizabeth Worth, referred him to Families and Children's First Counseling to help with frustration tolerance and some other issues. He also attended the Center for Accessible Living's independent living skills classes to help increase his independence and self-esteem.

The following May, Da'Mian's mother lost her job and the family essentially began living out of a car. Elizabeth helped them with community resources for

emergency assistance and also suggested applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), the Supports for Community Living (SCL) waiver program and TARC 3, the paratransit provider in Jefferson County. Da'Mian and his mother met with Elizabeth and Bob Napalilli at Seven Counties Services. Assuming Da'Mian would meet the criteria for emergency status for the SCL waiver, Bob agreed to provide case management services. Stephanie Lynch, working at Seven Counties at the time, found a temporary job for Da'Mian and graciously volunteered to provide job coaching for him. This gave him some funds to buy food and personal care items.

Da'mian returned to Carl D. Perkins in August to complete his training. By the time he finished at the end of the year, his mother had found an apartment, but it had been flooded. Bob was able to assist them in replacing some of the lost items, but again they were forced to move in with family members. Da'Mian was referred to the Southwest Center for supported employment services, working with Brenda Tierney.

The following March, a team of support met for the first time with Da'Mian. The team included Brenda Tierney and Julie Gulipse of the Southwest Center, Jonah Rawal from Community Family Living, a possible housing source, Bob Napalilli, and Elizabeth Napalilli. In the mean time, Da'Mian had been denied SSI benefits, preventing him access to the Medicaid-funded SCL waiver and the stable residence it entailed. Without that stability, he could never be successfully maintain employment. Elizabeth Napalilli assisted with the appeal process, supplying valuable diagnostic information about his disability.

In May, Da'Mian was employed at Mr. Lou's restaurant. By the end of the month, he had finally been approved for TARC 3. His only source of income at the time was from his few hours of work. Da'Mian was living with yet another family member.

In July of 2007, Da'Mian was approved for SSI and accepted into the SCL waiver program, finally providing him with a permanent residence. His transportation needs were covered through TARC 3 and Medicaid. He entered the day program at the Southwest Center where he could learn independent living skills, community living skills and money management, and be involved in a variety of social events. Da'Mian was assigned a guardian to assist him manage his finances. His hours at Mr. Lou's were eventually increased.

Da'mian's success has truly involved a team effort. Sometimes it really does take a village.

NEWS BITS

Artist Contributes to Louisville Gallopalooza



Gallopalooza is a community-wide art project in Louisville that features the skills of amateur and professional artists. Fiberglass statues of horses are placed at various locations throughout the city. Dennis Bessenecker, a member of Creative Diversity, an artist cooperative for individuals with disabilities, was recently commissioned by the Jefferson

County Council for Retarded Citizens to create a sculpture as part of Gallopalooza. Dennis' work, entitled 'Gambit,' can be seen on display in front of the Council's offices at Fourth and Guthrie streets in downtown Louisville.

Dennis was previously featured in the Summer, 2008 edition of the newsletter when former President Bill Clinton purchased one of his paintings.

Transition Planning Institute Held

The Kentucky Regional Interagency Transition Team Planning Institute was held from June 3 through June 5 in Lexington. The Institute brought together over 100 representatives from 11 Regional Interagency Transition Teams (RITTs) in the state. The RITTs represent a broad spectrum of knowledge and expertise related to transitioning youth. The goal of the Institute was for each RITT to leave with a plan for improving secondary transition in their particular region of our state.

The Regional Interagency Transition Planning Institute was sponsored by the Kentucky Interagency Transition Council through the Transition Core Team Committee. The core agencies involved are the Division of Exceptional Children Services of the Kentucky Department of Education, the Office of Career and Technical Education, the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky, the Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services, the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs, the Kentucky Parent Resource Centers, the Kentucky Deafblind Project, and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. The National Secondary Transition

Technical Assistance Center (NSTAAC), the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities (NDPC-SD), and the National Post School Outcome Center (NPSO) provided invaluable assistance in planning the event.

The Institute was made possible through a Secondary Transition State Capacity Building Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) and the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR).

Public Service Commission Increases Funds Available for Telecommunication Services for Deaf and Hearing-Impaired

(Information taken from The Communicator, the newsletter of the Kentucky Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

In February, the Kentucky Public Service Commission extended the surcharge on telephone lines that funds the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) to include wireless (cellular) telephones. TAP, formerly the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf Distribution (TDD) Program, had been facing falling revenues while trying to respond to increasing demand. By applying the surcharge to wireless communications, the PSC will significantly increase the revenue available to the program. PSC is reducing the overall surcharge for the program from nine cents to four cents per line, equalizing the burden that only landline customers have been paying.

The increase in revenue will enable TAP to distribute wireless devices that will provide access to emergency communications for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. The specific device to be provided is currently being selected. Distribution is expected to begin on October 1. Since its inception in 1995, TAP has distributed 12,000 pieces of equipment. It is expected that it will serve 2,500 individuals over the next two years.

TAP is administered by the Kentucky Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. If you have questions about TAP, please visit www.kcdhh.ky.gov/. Applications can be requested at www.kcdhh.org/forms/ or by calling 1-800-372-2907.

Assistants Training

The June 2009 training for assistants held at General Butler Resort State Park was an overwhelming success. The agenda for the training "Juggling Your Responsibilities" was developed based on topic recommendations from the assistants and the feedback from the evaluations reflect that these items were right on target. The sessions on Case Management System and Time Management were specifically requested by the assistants and the multitude of questions and discussion highlighted the relevance of these topics. The presentation on driver rehabilitation technology and the financial update brought a tremendous amount of discussion and were favorites among many of the attendees. The presenters did a wonderful job.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this training including presenters, leadership, managers and coworkers. The comments below are excerpts from the training evaluations and they provide a glimpse of what the training meant to this group

- Applicable and relevant topics, open discussion, problem-solving opportunities, networking, encouragement and new ideas!
- The strongest feature of the training was the wealth of information and the interaction with the other participants.
- CMS training. The group discussion helped me become more comfortable with the system.

- Thank you so much for the opportunity for everyone to be in the same place to hear the same information and instructions...that is what encourages, informs and improves communication and production. Thanks for your investment in us this week.
- I learned more in the 1 ½ days training than I have learned in some 3-4 day trainings. It was wonderfully organized and the presentations were informative. Great job to all that were involved. I really enjoyed getting to put faces with names of assistants across the state and I enjoyed the presentations. All contained important information and helpful tips!



Summer AT Workshops

Article submitted by Nanci Soard



The 6th Annual Assistive Technology Institute took place on June 5th and 6th at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Lexington. Topics included, 'Assistive Technology for People with Both Hearing and Vision Loss', 'Housing, Universal Design and Home Modifications', 'Scooter Transport', 'Augmentative Alternative Communication', and much more. Vehicle modifications were available for demonstration. At left, Chase Forrester, Executive Director of the Kentucky Assistive Technology Services Network (KATS) Network tries out a Braun Entervan.

The Institute is a collaborative effort of KYOVR, the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky and Kentucky AgrAbility.

Council Member Chastity Ross 'My Cup Runneth Over'

Chastity Ross was appointed to the Council in May of 2008. She is a native of Richmond and still lives there. Chastity was born with one arm, one leg, severe scoliosis and dislocated hips. She now says 'No one quite knew what to expect of this little baby with lots of hair and lots of orthopedic needs. The doctors told my family that it didn't look good and prepared them for the worst. The worst never came. Shiner's Hospital for Children (in Lexington) worked their magic on me for 21 years and let's just say I have a little trouble making it through the metal detectors at the airport today.' Chastity attended the Model Laboratory School in Richmond and later received a degree in Special Education with a minor in Sign Language from Eastern Kentucky University. She is now the supported employment supervisor for the Bluegrass Regional MHMR Board, overseeing services in 17 Central Kentucky counties.

Chastity says 'As a person with a disability, I can appreciate the value of working and being an active part of the community. I am honored to be in a position where I can assist people in attaining that dream. Truth be told, staff at Shriners always said that I was a little nosy and a lot bossy. Now I get paid to be both. Throw in a husband, a newly adopted son age 6, and a biological baby girl age 2, and you could say, my life is pretty full. My cup runneth over!'



Council member Chastity Ross with her daughter, Julien.

Council Member Wins Derby Mini-Marathon

For the second consecutive year, Council member Matt Davis won the wheelchair division of the Derby Festival Mini-Marathon in Louisville. Matt covered the 13.6 mile course in 56 minutes and eleven seconds, considerably faster than his winning time last year of 1:13:14, thanks to a 'bit of a tail wind' and the fact that he was not encumbered by two flat tires this year. Matt



Matt Davis winning the Mini-Marathon

would like to express his gratitude to Jill Farmer at Frazier Rehab and the Kentucky Wheelchair Athletic Association for all the support provided by the Derby Festival MiniMarthon, Wheelchair Division.

Matt also participated in the Derby Festival, Stock Yards Bank and Trust Bed Race. His team consisted of five wheelchair users.

Save the Date Upcoming Council Meetings

Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVR) Meeting

Monday September 14, 2009
9:00am-3:30pm
Marriott Griffin Gate Resort and Spa
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511

Next Meeting:
December 14

Interagency Coordinating Committee Meeting

September 22, 2009
10:00am - 12:00pm
Department for Protection and Advocacy
100 Fair Oaks Lane, 3rd Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

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