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Materials for MSC Supervisors Spring Conference

The MSC Supervisors Summer Video Conference/Webinar is being held on June 12, 2013.

AM Session 9:30 am – 12:30 pm PM Session 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Topics Include:

- MSC Hot Topics
- Benefits and Entitlements
- Language Access
- Faith Based Initiative
- Transition Planning
- Employment

NOTE: Attached to this E-Visory are the materials that will be referenced during the conference. There will be no handouts the day of the conference. An evaluation form has been included with the materials as your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Protection of People with Special Needs Act (PPSNA)

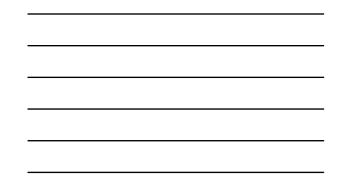
OPWDD has been working with the Justice Center to develop regulations and procedures necessary to implement provisions of the PPSNA. While this work is still underway, OPWDD recognizes that provider agencies need information to update their incident management systems and provide staff with information and training to be in compliance with the PPSNA and new OPWDD regulations. The PPSNA requires significant changes to OPWDD's long-standing incident management requirements in 14 NYCRR Part 624 that will be effective on June 30, 2013. A memo detailing these changes can be found at the following link: http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/4514

Please visit the OPWDD website at <u>http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_resources/incident_management/home</u> for the latest information on Incident Management Reform.

CANCELLED: MSC Training for Voluntary Providers Serving Willowbrook Class Members

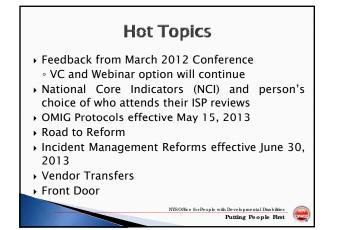
As noted in the last E-Visory, the previously scheduled OPWDD training to be held on June 20, 2013 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This session will <u>not</u> be rescheduled. The next scheduled training is August 29, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Questions pertaining to this training should be directed to Lori Lehmkuhl at <u>Lori Lehmkuhl@opwdd.ny.gov</u>.

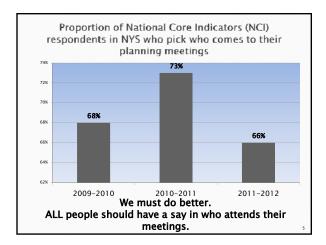




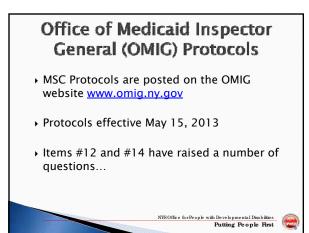












OMIG Protocols Item #12

Missing Required Elements in the ISP

"Claims will be disallowed if one or more of the required elements of the ISP is missing..."

"2) identification of each service, service provider, the amount, frequency, duration of each service, and effective dates for service delivery"

Note: this applies to Waiver Services <u>Only</u>. All other services continue to only require *Type of Service* and *Name of Provider*

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OMIG Protocols Item #12 Missing Required Elements in the ISP "Claims will be disallowed if one or more of the required elements of the ISP is missing..."

"4) service coordination, including assessment, service planning and coordination, linkage and referral, follow-up and monitoring."

Note: Though these are clearly MSC functions, evidence of these activities is expected to be found in the MSC notes and not necessarily in the ISP.

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OMIG Protocols

Item #14 Distribution of the ISP

"Claims will be disallowed if the distribution of the ISP.... exceeds 45 days from the date of the ISP review.... However, the OMIG will disallow claims for failure to distribute the ISP within 60 days. This is in keeping with OPWDD requirements effective Oct. 1, 2010, and will apply to service dates both prior and subsequent to Oct. 1, 2010."

Note: The wording of this protocol has caused some confusion. Be advised that service coordinators continue to have up to $\underline{60 \text{ days}}$ to distribute the ISP. The OMIG will apply the 60 day standard to claims both prior to and after 10/1/2010.

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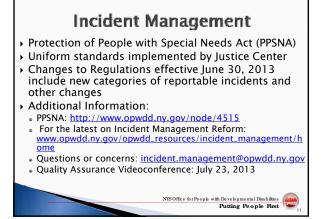
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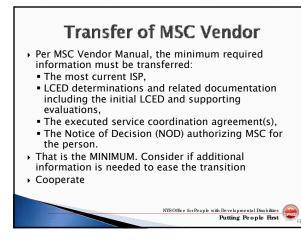
Real Goals:

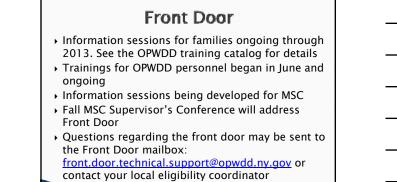
- Self-Direction: Increase number of individuals self directing by 1,245 by March 31, 2014 and provide education to at least 1,500 beneficiaries per quarter beginning on April 1, 2013.
- Employment: Increase number of individuals employed by 700 by March 31, 2014.
- Residential Transitions: Transition 148 people from Finger Lakes and Taconic ICFs to community settings by January 1, 2014.

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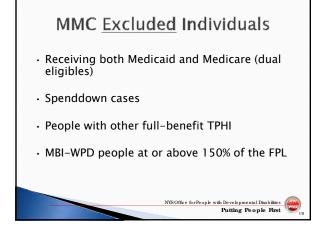


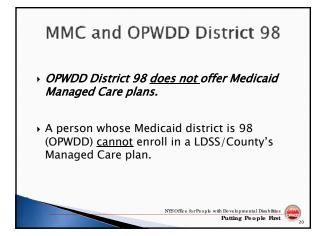


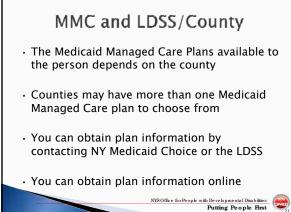
MMC Exempt Individuals

- · Enrolled in the HCBS Waiver
- · Enrolled in a CAH or TBI Waiver
- Residing in an ICF or DC
- Individuals with an OPWDD eligibility determination designated by RE code 95

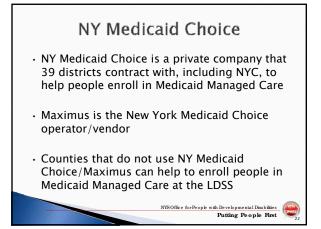
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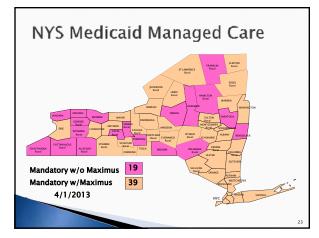






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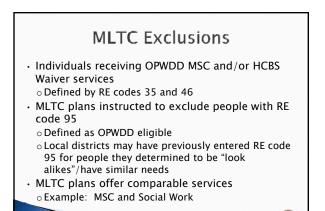




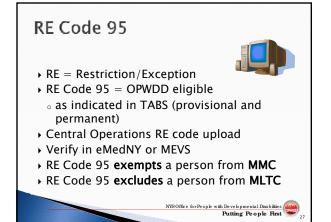
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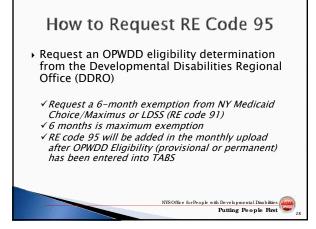
Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC)

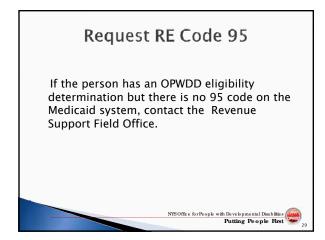
- Managed Long-Term Care Plans are private health plans approved by NYS for people who
 Are chronically ill
- Have disabilities
- Need health and long term care services
- Three Types
- Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) • Partially Capitated
- o Medicaid Advantage Plus
- Individuals <u>CANNOT</u> be enrolled in Managed Long Term Care and receive OPWDD MSC and/or HCBS Waiver Services.
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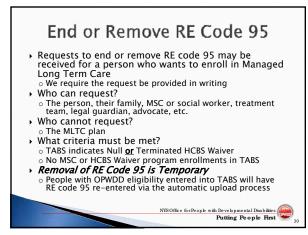


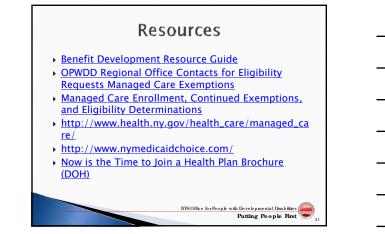
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MSC and Medicaid

MSC Role

- Person in State Operated Living Arrangement
- Person in Voluntary Agency Living Arrangement

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- Person Living in the Community



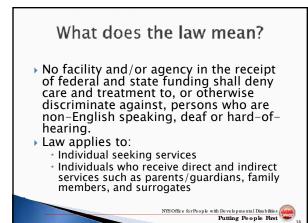


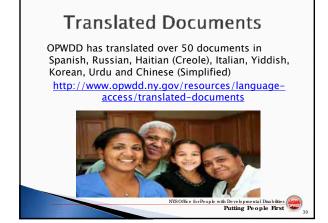


Relevant Laws

Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act NYS Mental Hygiene Law 13.09 14 NYCRR 633.4(a)(15) Meeting the communication needs of non-English speaking persons seeking or receiving services.











Telephonic Interpretation

- ▶ 1-800-Line for voluntary agencies
- Agencies can receive account information from DDRO
- ▶ 1-800 line is available24 hrs/7 days a week

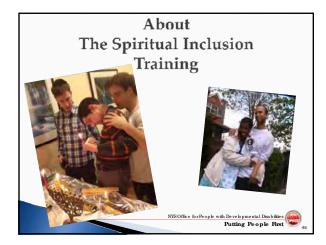
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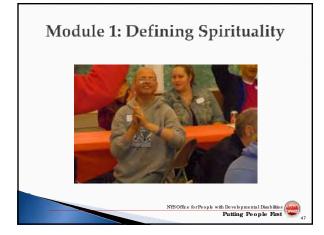


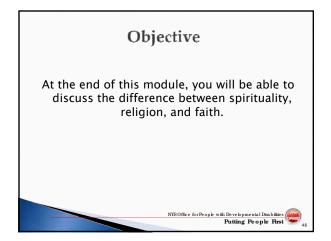




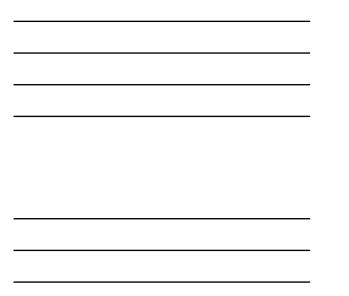


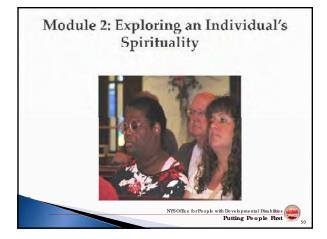












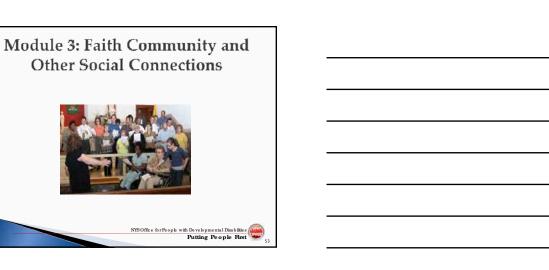
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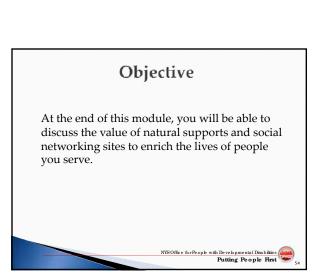
You will be able to identify and discuss how to discover if the individual has this valued outcome desire, as well as the desired type of involvement a person may have or want in expressing their spirituality.

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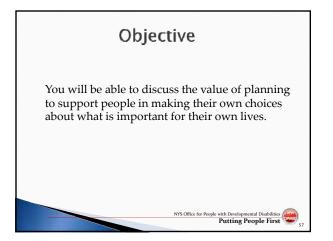




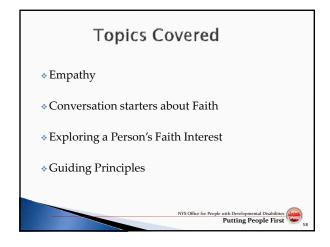




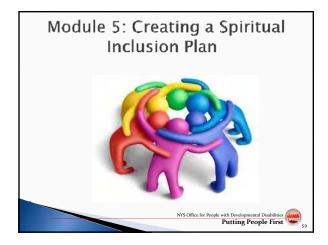


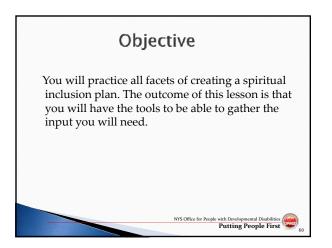


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"All Are Welcome"

A FAITH COMMUNITY INCLUSION GUIDE





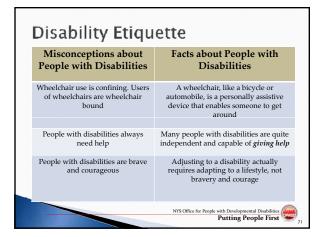


In this guide, we will discuss: Religious Choice

People with developmental disabilities have the right to:

- * Make choices about religious activities
- Express themselves religiously and spiritually according to the U.S. Constitution
- * Not be influenced in the practice of their religion

People First Language	Stereotypes and Labels
People/Individuals <u>without disabilities</u>	Normal people/Healthy individuals
A person who has autism	The autistic
Accessible <u>buses</u> , <u>bathrooms</u> , <u>etc</u> and Reserved parking for people with disabilities	Handicapped buses, bathrooms, and handicapped parking
Individual/person	Client and consumer
People/Individuals <u>with disabilities</u>	The handicapped/ The disabled
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Access to Worship

- Individuals with developmental disabilities are present in your community – are they present in your congregation?
- How can we engage individuals with developmental disabilities to feel welcome in their house of worship?

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Attitudinal



The manner in which we interact with people with developmental disabilities speaks volumes about our perspective of their worth and welcome to faith congregations.



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Communications



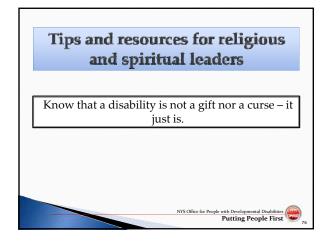
Communication is the interchange of thoughts, ideas, feelings, and facts. There is a barrier to communication when the content of the communication is not understood.

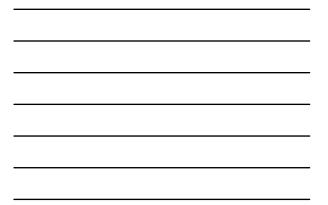
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Architectural

External and internal barriers that inhibit individuals with developmental disabilities to enjoy worship and congregational inclusion. The American with Disabilities Act checklist will be provided in the guide.









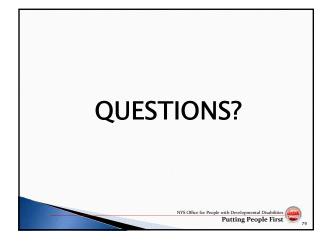
Resource information for Congregational Inclusion

OPWDD Faith Based Initiative Website

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd community con nections/faith based initiatives

> "Having Faith" – Real Life Stories of Faith Community Inclusion Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4-vXy5SUts







OPWDD Children's Services

- Providing needed supports will assist children with developmental disabilities to reach their full potential
- Multiple service systems must work together to successfully support children with DD.

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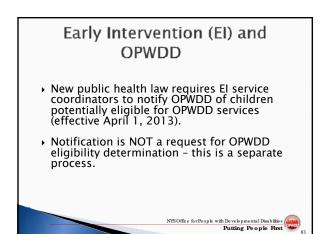


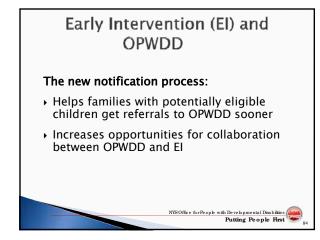
OPWDD Children's Services

New Initiatives:

- Early Intervention Notification to OPWDD of El children potentially eligible for OPWDD services
- Age Out Initiative Transition planning and enhanced supports for OPWDD individuals at residential schools

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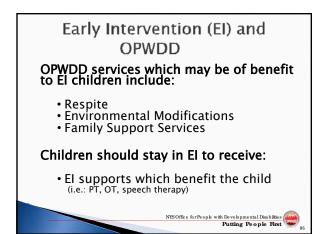




Early Intervention (EI) and OPWDD

- Early intervention serves children ages birth to 3 years of age
 For children ages birth to 7 years, OPWDD provides provisional eligibility determinations
- Information about OPWDD eligibility can be found at:
- http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/eligibility
 Questions about OPWDD eligibility should be referred to OPWDD eligibility staff
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Early Intervention (EI) and OPWDD

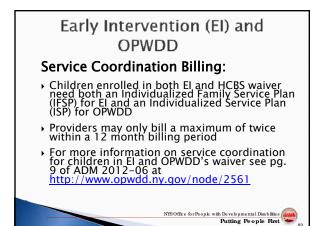
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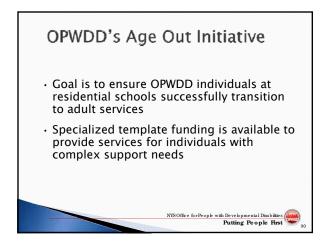
- Children who are eligible for both can receive services from El <u>and</u> OPWDD
- Children participating in El will need Plan of Care Support Services (PCSS) to enroll in OPWDD's HCBS Waiver

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Early Intervention (EI) and OPWDD Service Coordination: El will remain responsible for monthly service coordination for children receiving both HCBS waiver and El services Exception: El children participating in the CAH waiver will receive monthly service coordination through OPWDD





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OPWDD's Age Out Initiative

Eligible residential settings:

- ▶ 853 Schools
- Out of State Schools
- Children's Residential Programs (CRPs)
- Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs)
- Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs) (if individual is there for more than 1 year & will be aging out of the RTF)

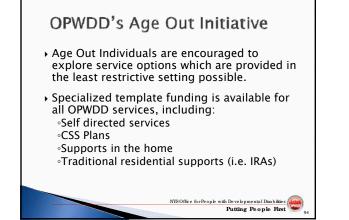
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OPWDD's Age Out Initiative

MSCs should:

- Work with OPWDD age out coordinators during the individual's transition process.
- Help to ensure the individual is enrolled in Medicaid and the HCBS waiver.
- Work with the individual and family to prepare for the transition and ensure needed supports are in place on time.





Employment Goals and Benefits Overview

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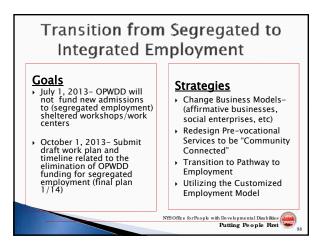


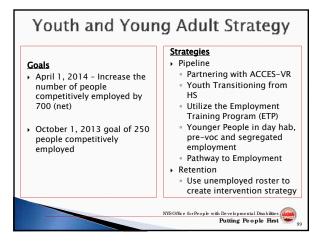
Employment Transformation Goals Defining Employment • Setting: Integrated • Wage: At or Above Minimum Wage

Areas of Focus

- Employment in Integrated Settings
- Youth and Young Adults
- Pre-employment







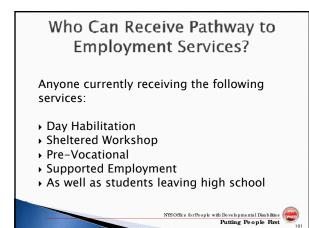


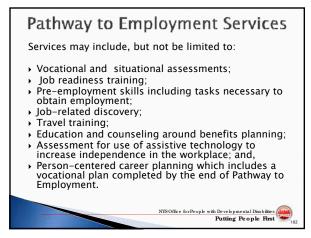
Pre-employment Strategy Pathway to Employment

What is Pathway to Employment?

- Time limited service up to 12 months
- Design to assist people in identifying a career goal
- Services will focus on:
- Pre-employment skills
- Development of a vocational or career plan for achieving integrated employment at or above minimum wage
- Self employment is included







Department of Labor and OPWDD Working in Partnership

- Bridging the gap between Supported Employment and Job Centers
- Disability Employment Initiatives and Disability Resource Coordinators
- Various Supports Job Centers can Offer Individuals with Developmental Disabilities



Bridging the Gap Between Supported Employment and Job Centers • Ticket to Work • Employment Networks/One Stop Centers

Disability Employment Initiatives and Disability Resource Coordinators

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- Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE)
- Subsidies

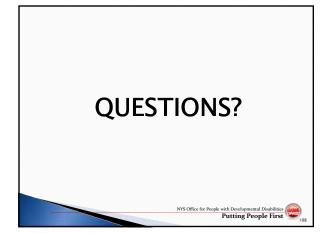
Various Supports Job Centers Offer Job training Benefits planning Workshops Career Exploration

Recommendations

- Don't let a simple understanding of SSDI benefits limit the earning capacity of people with developmental disabilities.
- Individuals on SSI benefits can earn as much as their individual potential dictates.

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 There are opportunities for asset development, when there is an understanding of the programs and incentives that protect money from resource rules.







Evaluation Form: MSC Supervisors Conference -- Videoconference/Webinar June 12, 2013

Please check a rating for each statement: I attended the webinar ____ I attended the video conference The session objectives were clearly explained. __Strongly Agree __Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly Disagree The session effectively met its stated objective. __Strongly Agree __Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly Disagree The session materials helped me to understand the subject matter. __Strongly Agree __Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly Disagree The session content increased my understanding of the subject matter. __Strongly Agree __Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly Disagree The subject matter will be useful to me in my job. __Strongly Agree __Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly Disagree The presenter was knowledgeable about the subject matter. Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree The presentation style contributed positively to the program. Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree The length of the session was appropriate. __Strongly Agree __Agree __Neutral __Disagree __Strongly Disagree What were the positive points of this presentation? What improvements could be made to this presentation? **Recommendations for future topics:**

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