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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ISSUANCE # 3-2004

TO: WIA Grant Recipients
FROM: Terry Watson
DATE: 2/18/2004
SUBJECT: Transitioning active WtW participants into the WIA program

MESSAGE: Due to the rescission of the WtW funds effective January 23rd, local grantees had to cease all program activities except for prepaid /severable training activities. Participants could continue to the end of the prepaid severable period, e.g. semester. However, this did not include such activities as OJT, Work Experience and Supportive Services since these are considered new expenditures.

Local grantees will need to identify those WtW participants who will still require assistance to secure long-term employment and ultimately self-sufficiency. Those active WtW participants could be determined eligible and enrolled into the WIA program to continue to receive services.

Because of the priority of transitioning these active WtW participants into the WIA program, OESC will accept the eligibility documentation that was used when the participant was determined eligible for the WtW program, as long as that documentation meets the WIA eligibility requirements. Using the existing WtW eligibility documentation should make a smoother transition into the WIA program. Hopefully this will eliminate participants having to complete additional paperwork. Local grantees must ensure that the WtW eligibility documentation meets the eligibility requirements of the WIA program.

Local grantees may choose to determine participants eligible for the WIA program using current WIA eligibility documentation instead of using the existing WtW eligibility documentation.

The WIA enrollment date can be backdated to January 23rd for those active WtW participants that have been determined WIA eligible and are going to be enrolled into the WIA program. Enrolling these participants into the WIA program effective January 23rd will also allow WIA funds to be used for the WtW work experience expenditures that were accrued after January 23rd. Any monitoring done within 30 days of the date of this policy will not result in a finding for lack of proper documentation.

ACTION: Please make this issuance available to all appropriate personnel.

INQUIRES: If you have any questions, please contact Tami Decker at 405/962-7595.