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To: Brockton, Lawrence, and Quincy TAO Staff

Cc: Other Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From: Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field

Operations

Re: TAFDC - DTA/MRC Interagency Initiative (Phase One)

Overview

The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) have formed a collaboration to assist TAFDC clients with disabilities in obtaining necessary support services that will lead to sustainable employment. The goal of this collaboration is to help clients develop and enhance skills so they can compete in the employment market and attain economic stability.

This initiative will be implemented in the Brockton, Lawrence and Quincy TAOs. Planning and training began in April 2018. Full implementation will occur July 1, 2108. MRC has assigned 3 full time Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors (one for each of the three DTA offices) and 1 full time Job Placement Specialist to the initiative.

As each new phase of this initiative begins staff will be notified.

Purpose

The purpose of this Transmittal is to advise staff about:

- DTA's new partnership with MRC;
- the participating TAOs

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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.