Minnesota Strategies to Integrate VR and IPS Supported Employment
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- 6 Pilot Projects are at “Good Fidelity” with yearly fidelity monitoring
- State Fiscal year 2009; MN J&J pilot projects served 316 people and 157 (50%) were employed
- Revising and updating the shared Minnesota “Vision for Employment for Persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)” and the Interagency collaborative agreement between MH and VRS
- State VR extended “grant” funding of the current six pilot projects for SFY 11. Counselor liaisons asked to open VR cases on all participants with employment plans in the pilots. VR electronic record system element added to track IPS/SE. The VR tracking is to look at VR services, expenditures and outcome data.
- State implementation team will convene a funding sustainability work group to evaluate and recommend a funding model for the VR funded portion of IPS/SE in the future (i.e. performance based agreements, fee for service, etc…)
- State implementation team will analyze all potential sources funding for Supported Employment for persons with SMI to identify where State discretion and opportunities exist to shape policy change and influence through leadership, education, and partnering