



NATIONAL CENTER for LEADERSHIP in VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

## MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

Meeting of the NCLVI Public Advisors Council (PAC)  
Baltimore, January 11-12, 2005

*Evaluation Response Rate: 75%*

### I. Meeting Outcomes:

- 5 = Strongly Agree
- 4 = Agree
- 3 = Not Sure
- 2 = Disagree
- 1 = Strongly Disagree

Using the scale above please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

As a result of the NCLVI PAC meeting, participants:

1. Understand the concept of the NCLVI: **4.56** Mean
2. Have developed guidelines under which the NCLVI PAC will operate: **4.56** Mean
3. Understand the need for leadership in the field of visual impairment: **4.89** Mean
4. Have specified the necessary characteristics of future leaders in the field of blindness and visual impairment: **4.33** Mean
5. Have offered ideas for the NCLVI in its effort to disseminate information about the NCLVI project: **4.33** Mean
6. Have offered ideas for the NCLVI in its effort to recruit students: **4.33** Mean
7. Have offered ideas for the NCLVI in its development of the Enrichment Plan: **4.44** Mean
8. Have offered ideas for ways in which PAC organizations can offer short-term residencies and internships to the NCLVI Fellows: **4.44** Mean

## II. Meeting Strengths and Needs:

### 1. Please identify what you see as the strengths of the meeting:

- Dialogue, interaction, open expression of ideas and concerns.
- Variety of participants.
- 2nd day was very strong.
- Created enthusiasm --"buy-in" --desire to assist.
- Appreciated great food and tour of NFB.
- Overview of project including goals and objectives.
- Brainstorming and discussion.
- The vast differences in expertise and philosophy attempting to accomplish the same goal.
- The presentation by the NCLVI was very well organized and clear. There was ample opportunity for the PAC to provide input into the process and for the PAC to get information about how the program will function.
- I felt that this getting together of people from different disciplines and different groups was an opportunity to work together despite the varying positions and divergent viewpoints of some persons in attendance. I thought that the dialogue was very useful and opened the door to much needed collaboration across the field and across the county. This was very helpful to me.
- The committee members represent a true cross section of persons in the field.
- The meeting was well organized and Kathy kept us on target. An atmosphere of frank discussion resulted in open sharing of ideas.
- The group's task orientation, shared goals, and open dialogue. It was a very well run and productive meeting with significant outcomes.
- Great.

### 2. Please identify areas for improvement in future meetings:

- No suggestions.
- Topics occasionally too "multi-faceted."
- Felt a bit hijacked by personal agendas on occasion, although it was good to have the issues on the table.
- Nothing in particular to add here. The PAC will likely need to do some outside preparation for the next meeting by going back to their constituencies and getting feedback from them on where the NCLVI is headed based upon what information the NCLVI is disseminating to the various constituencies.

- I think this was a very good start. I do have to say that it was unusual not to have access to a radio, clock or the TV in the rooms. I felt out of touch with what was happening in the real world. I will be better prepared if we meet there again.
- I was impressed with the organization of the whole agenda. I feel that a lot was accomplished.
- I would like to spend more time talking and planning specific enrichment activities. I would also like to know more about the requirements of the different participating universities thus better preparing us for targeted recruitment activities.
- None.
- Perfect.

### **III. Meeting and Evaluation Checkout:**

In the spirit of our meeting “checking in and out” process please share any thoughts as a final “Check Out” for the meeting and its evaluation:

- Participants not involved in doctoral training might benefit from a description of how programs operate. Most people only know about their own programs. If we could develop some sort of overview of what's available, maybe that would help. But I'm sort of convinced that this isn't explainable to folks not involved personnel prep.
- I believe that the meeting with university folks should prove beneficial.
- I actually learned some additional important information from the recently sent flyer. Thank you very much.
- Thanks for including me in this process and project.
- To reach a state of bliss, COSB members will be looking to the NCLVI as significant change from business as usual, and will want to see some evidence that the type of leaders being produced and the type of roles they are going into have some direct impact on what many of the COSB schools are trying to do within their respective states to build local capacities in the LEAs and ensure that the National Agenda and expanded core-curriculum and spirit of Choices for Children are alive.
- I will be looking forward to hearing about the next phase of this process. Please keep us informed.
- No additional thoughts.
- Can't think of anything further.
- Great.

