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Rehabilitation Counseling Coalition (RCC) Statement Regarding CORE/CACREP Merger

The Rehabilitation Counseling Coalition (RCC) publicly thanks Dr. Frank Lane, CORE Executive Director, and Patty Nunez, CORE President for choosing to attend the RCC summer meetings held at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, August 8 - 9, 2015. This was CORE’s first meeting with professional organizations following the announcement of the CORE/CACREP merger. The RCC acknowledges CORE’s business decision to merge with CACREP. During the period of merger transition that will finalize on July 1, 2017, the RCC strongly encourages CORE to continue to promote the profession of Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and protect the careers of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors through the following actions:

- Introduce and legitimize the RCC to CACREP
- Publicly and in writing by both CORE and CACREP, recognize CRC as the premier credential for Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
- Through review and revision of CORE standards, reinforce the CRC as the premier credential for Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors
- Facilitate the ongoing appointment of a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Representative to the CACREP Board, post July 1, 2017
- Promote the Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling profession as a distinct and valued specialty of counseling
- CORE is asked to influence CACREP and NBCC on grandfathering language so as to not disenfranchise current practitioners
- CORE will assist in addressing the lack of pathways for VRCs in reciprocity proposals set forth by ACES, NBCC and AMHCA as well as the lack of congruence with ACA’s reciprocity language.

The RCC requests the above actions be carried out in order to protect the public and ensure that people with disabilities have access to qualified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors. The RCC is committed to this mission and remains united with one voice toward this cause. The RCC welcomes ongoing communication, discussions, and when appropriate collaboration with CACREP and other stakeholders in the field, regarding these important issues.