



RHODE ISLAND TRANSITION COUNCIL

c/o Rhode Island Department of Education
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903



Coordinating services to assist students in transition

DECEMBER 2, 2009

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Rhode Island Parent Information Network
Cranston

MINUTES

In Attendance: Deb Golding, Health; Jerry Schimmel, Cranston Special Education Director; Deborah Garneau, DOH; Sue Donovan, RIPIN; Amy Marcantonio, Sargent Center; Mike Burk, DCYF; JoAnn Nannig, ORS; Nancy Stevenin, Providence RTC; David Sienko, RIDE

- 2:05 PM Welcome and Introductions
- 2:15 Approval of October 7, 2009 Minutes
- 2:17 Review and discussion of the work priority areas based on the NETTAC National Forum State team planning from May 2008 and 2009.

Training with Youth (2008 & 2009)

Goal: Improved self-determination skills through youth leadership and more youth are in a position to lead and influence their future plans.

Activities:

- Dare to Dream and other youth development activities.
 - o The video for last year is finished and Deb is "on tour" promoting the event. Discussed the need to post additional information on the My Transition web page – Deb will pursue with RITAP.
- Continue development of student self directed planning (IEP, SOP, transition planning, ILP...). Pilot with Transition Academy youth then expand.
 - o West Bay Transition Academy is examining this option.
 - o Discussed the creation of a transition timeline. A sub-committee was established and will begin work before the next full Council meeting.
- Develop methods through Communities of Practice for student planning skill development.
 - o East Bay RTC is investigating the development of a community of practice site for educators through RIEPS and connecting with the IDEA Partnership for a state to state community. More to follow.
- Evaluate effectiveness of youth development activities (Dare to Dream) and continue expansion of proven models.
 - o Dare to Dream will be evaluated this year for effectiveness.

Interagency Collaboration (2008) & Systems (2009)

Goal: Create seamless access to information across all agencies serving youth in transition

Activities:

- Development of a Transition Community of Practice – see above
- Shared Youth Vision update
 - o SYV has received a commitment for funding to expand statewide. Planning is underway for expansion of this model.

Family Involvement (2009)

Goal: Improve coordination of information sharing with families & develop capacity to measure impact.

Activities:

- Develop methods through Community of Practice site for parents (and others) to obtain information. – See above.

- Series of parent trainings with regional centers on various transition topics. Attempt, to greatest extent possible, to coordinate these activities with LAC and statewide parent training events.
 - o RIPIN is working with the RTCs to improve communication with Local Advisory Committees through the SAWN network.
- Coordinate development of Indicator 14 and Indicator 8 data to inform parent engagement in transition process.
 - o Discussed providing a targeted mailing to every parent of a transition aged student using the Indicator 8 data base informing them of their transition options. RIDE will investigate this option and associated cost.

2:30 Presentation by Department of Health Adolescent Health

- Reviewed the current services available through the Adolescent Health Office.
- Have begun involving youth in developing workshops and training on health care transition.
- Discussed the adolescent health advocacy group at RI Hospital which works with youth with chronic health needs. This fosters strong self advocacy skills.
- Discussed the Med Pedi Group which is designed to assist youth and families with the transition (managing and coordinating care) to adult health care.
- Discussed the health care transition survey – examples shared.
- Next Steps:
 - o Deb will send samples of the survey to the Council members for comment with related documents.
 - o Deb will review comments and propose a survey for school administrators for possible distribution.

3:00 Headlines

- College Forum- 2010 3/20/10, Providence College, registration will be on line through RIPIN
- On Jan 20th ORS and the RTC's will be hosting a training for vocational evaluator transition personnel and rehabilitation counselors on Transition Assessment.
- Upcoming TLS Network meetings - next one 2/20, see www.RITAP.org/MyTransition for details.
- Diana Kriner of RIPIN is working on a master schedule for Regional Parent Transition Outreach nights.

3:20 Public Comment – no public comment.

3:30 Meeting Adjourn

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

February 3, 2010
 April 7, 2010
 June 2, 2010