



## RHODE ISLAND TRANSITION COUNCIL

c/o Rhode Island Department of Education  
255 Westminster Street



FEBRUARY 3, 2010

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; JoAnn Nannig, ORS; David Sienko, RIDE

- 2:05 PM Welcome and Introductions
- 2:05 Adolescent Health Transition Survey - discussion
- 2:17 Review and discussion of the work priority areas based on the NSTTAC 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 Planning is rolling along well, program is set, registration has begun.
- 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 has launched a pilot community of practice site for educators through RIEPS and connecting with the IDEA Partnership for a state to state community of practice. RTC Coordinators are monitoring it's use and effectiveness.
- 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. Regional meetings will be held in March with implementation of regional teams in late April.
- Governors Task Force on Behavioral Health
  - o They have formed a sub committee on youth in transition. Denise Achin, RIDE Medicaid Consultant with DHS is chairing the sub-committee and agreed to keep the Transition Council informed and connected to the work of the sub committee.

## 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 SEAN 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.

### 3:00 Headlines

- College Forum- 2010 3/20/10, Providence College, registration will be on line through RIPIN
- Upcoming TLS Network meetings - see [www.RITAP.org/MyTransition](http://www.RITAP.org/MyTransition) for details.
- Diana Kriner of RIPIN is working on a master schedule for Regional Parent Transition Outreach nights also posted on [www.RITAP.org/MyTransition](http://www.RITAP.org/MyTransition).
- RIPIN Partnerships Conference (brochure distributed), March 18 at the RI Convention Center – see [www.RIPIN.org](http://www.RIPIN.org).

3:20 Public Comment – no public comment.

3:30 Meeting Adjourn

## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

April 7, 2010  
June 2, 2010