



RHODE ISLAND TRANSITION COUNCIL

c/o Rhode Island Department of Education
255 Westminster Street



APRIL 7, 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, Amy Marcantonio, Sargent Center; Nancy Stevenin, Providence RTC.

- 2:05 PM Welcome and Introductions
- 2:05 Adolescent Health Transition Survey – survey complete, David Sienko will follow up with Ken Swanson to ask Special Education Directors to have it completed.
- 2:15 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 Final meeting will be held next week.
- YLF
 - o Joanne and David will discuss with Kat Grygiel for status.
- 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 meeting scheduled for June 3, 2010.
- 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. Regional agencies have been identified and training of the regional teams is scheduled for May 27, 2010.
- 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.
 - o The College Forum experienced an excellent turn out this year and is illustrative of this effort.
- 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.

2:45 NSTTAC State Team Forum – discussed RI team participation for this year.

3:00 Headlines

- May 19th, Celebrating Family Leaders
- Upcoming TLS Network meetings - see 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.

3:20 Public Comment – no public comment.

3:30 Meeting Adjourn

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

June 2, 2010