



# RHODE ISLAND TRANSITION COUNCIL

c/o Rhode Island Department of Education  
255 Westminster Street  
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## *Coordinating services to assist students in transition*

June 2, 2010

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Rhode Island Parent Information Network  
Cranston

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Deb Golding, Health; Diana B. Kriner, RIPIN; Amy Marcantonio, Sargent Center; Susan Donovan, RIPIN; Nancy Stevenin, Providence RTC; Mike Burk, DCYF; Wil Beaudoin, Parent; JoAnn Nannig, ORS; Deborah Garneau, DOH; Jerry Schimmel, Cranston School Department; David Sienko, RIDE

2:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

2:05 Review and discussion of the work priority areas based on the NETTAC National Forum State team planning – goals approved and adopted for 2010-11.

#### **Training with Youth**

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 Big success, ~300 attendees, evaluations were excellent
  - o Discussed the concept of expanding D2D (Phase II) by developing models for youth development in local school districts building on the energy of the D2D conference.
- YLF
  - o Registration for this year remains low – deadline is 6/15/10.
- 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.
  - o State team is looking at how to connect this activity to the measurement of Indicator 13 beginning next year.
- 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.
- Health has developed a contract with the Autism Project to map the resources for youth with Autism in secondary transition with a focus on health care.

#### **Interagency Collaboration & Systems**

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

Activities:

- 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 its use and effectiveness.
- Shared Youth Vision update
  - o SYV expanded statewide.
- Governors Task Force on Behavioral Health

- 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.
- Health shared the Disability Health Risk Survey data 2009
- Rhodes to Independence school to work committee is working with members of the Transition Council on common goals. Council members will provide updates at the Transition Council meetings.
- Cross Agency Youth Employment Forum was held in April bringing together School Based Coordinators (Perkins staff), Regional Vocational Assessment Coordinators, ORS school based Counselors, and Youth Center (DLT) staff to share what they do and discuss coordinator of services for youth. A state leadership team will be planning follow up events and training.

### **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.
  - RIPIN is working with the RTCs to improve communication with Local Advisory Committees through the SEAN network.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Training has been provided on indicator 8 for district teams (school personnel and parents) to model the parent/school partnership and the use of I-8 data.
- Discussed how we can ensure parents of students in non-public schools have access to the same information as families of students in public school settings.
  - Discussed how data from the parent survey is shared with parents and school administrators for students in non-public special education school settings.
  - Members of the Council will investigate how non-public school parents will access the same information on transition the public school parents have access to.

3:30 Headlines - There were no headlines reported at this meeting.

3:35 Public Comment – no public comment.

3:45 Meeting Adjourn

### MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010-11

October 6, 2010  
 December 1, 2010  
 February 2, 2011  
 April 6, 2011  
 June 1, 2011