

**SCOTT Transition Advisory Board
TAB Minutes
October 2, 2014**

Present:

Carol Aden, Miss. Bend AEA
Kendra Mulcahy, HDC
Mary Johnson, PV High School
Gina Weaver, PV High School
Kodie Wittenauer, QC Career
Connections
Tai Brooks, DHS Transition Planning
Hershel Jackson, IICIL

Stacie Kintigh, N. Scott High School
Michelle Wehr, Miss. Bend AEA
Catherine Petersen, EICC – ACCESS
Program
Kathy Sivill, Miss. Bend AEA
Barb Robinson-Lagarde, DHS Case
Management
Jane Rock, Miss. Bend AEA

The luncheon meeting was held at Wise Guys Pizza on 53rd Street in Davenport.

Announcements & Discussion:

- Jeff Ashcraft has been named as the new President of HDC.
- On Dec. 13 IICIL will be hosting their annual Holiday Carnival at their new location in Rock Island.
- A Transition Conference for Families, Educators and Students will be hosted by Mississippi Bend AEA and CHADD on Saturday morning, Feb 7, 2015. The back-up date is Saturday, Feb 21, 2015. Contact Carol Aden for further information.
- The Scott TAB Scholarship will be offered again this year. Banquet is scheduled for May 5, 2015 at Mississippi Bend AEA at 5:30PM. Everyone is encouraged to have students with disabilities apply. Flyers and applications have been sent to all high schools in Scott County.
- Kathy Sivill shared information about Project SEARCH from the Iowa Transition Conference. Several other people from Scott County also attended and are enthused about investigating the possibility of starting a Project SEARCH Program in Scott County. Essentially, Project SEARCH is a work-immersion transition program for students with significant disabilities in their final year of high school. There are almost 300 sites nationwide, including two in Iowa. The TAB is interested in learning more and is supportive of pursuing Project SEARCH in Scott County. Necessary partners are local school district(s), Vocational Rehabilitation, County Mental Health/Disability Services, and Targeted Case Management.
- TAB members are invited to participate on the Foster Care Transition Case Review Board. They usually meet once monthly to review cases of foster youth turning 18. About 1/3 of those young people have IEPs. Contact Tai Brooks if interested in serving on this Review Board.
- TAB organizations are invited to bring students and clients to the final dress rehearsal of “Into the Woods” on October 28 at 7PM at North Scott High School. Contact Stacie Kintigh for information.
- ACCESS currently has 21 students participating.
- Eastern Iowa Community Colleges is building a new campus in downtown Davenport, slated to open Fall 2017. The EICC district offices and all other downtown classrooms will then be centralized.
- On November 4, 2014 Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf High Schools will hold a Career Expo for all juniors. It will be held at Scott Community College.
- St. Ambrose University is hosting its annual College Night on Oct 13, 5:30-7:00PM. A 1-hour session will be held at the event (5:30-6:30PM) for students with disabilities considering their college options.
- The Bi-State College Readiness Conference will be held October 23 at Mississippi Bend AEA. Juniors and seniors are invited. Next fall (2015) the Bi-State committee is planning a different type of event for freshmen and sophomores. The focus will be on career exploration. The committee plans on rotating

the events every other year: Juniors and seniors addressing college readiness even years; freshmen and sophomores addressing career exploration odd years.

- The Scott TAB brochure was updated and copies were shared. Let Jane Rock know if you need more.

Review of last year’s activities:

The 2014 TAB Scholarship was awarded to a former ACCESS student, who is continuing to study the Green Energy Program at Scott Community College. He graduated from Pleasant Valley High School.

The TAB Autism Committee organized a Summer Employability Program for youth on the autism spectrum. It was supported financially by IowaWORKS and the SCC Foundation. Many TAB agencies contributed planning time and job coaching time to this Program. This Program was the result of extensive conversation with families and others interested in transition services for youth with autism. Additional needs related to housing, socialization, transportation and safety in the community were also identified, but the Employability Program was selected as the best starting point. The Program served 12 youth with a 2-week class in June, followed by job shadows, supported interviews, and supported internships for many of the youth. Program instructors reported a marked difference in students who had already done job shadows and work experience. They were much more able to benefit from the class and subsequent internships. Feedback from families and youth regarding the Summer Employability Program was extremely positive. The TAB is interested in seeing this Summer Employability Program repeated. Getting funding in place in a more timely way will be critical. Sustainability also must be explored. The TAB Autism Committee will continue to work on this.

TAB hosted a Lunch & Learn on Integrated Health Programs last spring. It was well attended by community agency representatives but not by educators. No plans were made for Lunch & Learns for this year, but TAB is open to the possibility.

ACTION PLAN

TASK	WHO WILL COMPLETE	BY WHEN
Organize an informational meeting about Project SEARCH in Scott Co.	Jane	Nov 1
Reconvene Autism Committee to work on Summer 2015 Employability Program. Prepare a summary report from 2014 Program.	Jane	Nov 1
Send link to TAB for new community agency brochure.	Jane	Oct 17
Plan a Scott TAB meeting for January 2015 and send Oct minutes.	Jane	Oct 17

Next meeting:

Thursday, January 15, 2015

11:30AM - 1:30PM at Wise Guys Pizza on 53rd Street, Davenport, Iowa

- AGENDA: Introductions & Announcements
 Report from Autism Committee
 Report from Project SEARCH meeting
 Interest in possible Lunch & Learns
 Interest in supporting Transition Fairs
 Action Planning for next steps and future meetings

The TAB mission is to build community and educational partnerships that will empower youth with disabilities to develop and achieve their life goals.