

SCOTT Transition Advisory Board
TAB Minutes
April 14, 2011
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Present:

Catherine Petersen, EICCD/ACCESS
Joelle McDermott, Voc. Rehab.
Katy Decker, HDC
William Hitchings, St. Ambrose
Becky Seals, Dav. Comm. Schools

Kathy Eberlein, MBAEA/Dav West H.S.
Barb Robinson-Lagarde, DHS
Carol Aden, Miss. Bend AEA
Jane Rock, Miss. Bend AEA
Paula Arends, Iow@Work

The meeting was held at St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center in the Gottlieb Lounge. We enjoyed lunch together before the meeting. Thanks to Dr. Hitchings for making these arrangements.

Announcements:

- David Mitchell has been named as the new State Administrator for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
- Pleasant Valley H.S. will be hosting a Transition Workshop the evening of April 28. Many TAB agencies will be participating.
- The AEA Parent & Educator Connection will help pilot some new parent training materials on “High Expectations” for students with disabilities preparing for transition to adult life. This will be held May 11 at North Scott H.S. from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Dr. Hitchings is going to work more extensively with St. Ambrose University students with disabilities, to support their career decision-making, self-advocacy skills, etc.
- The Employment Services Matrix was completed and sent to TAB and schools. It was also shared with TABs in other counties, since it turned out to be applicable for our whole area, not just Scott County.

Discussion:

- We finalized plans for the Scholarship Banquet to be held May 3. Several scholarship applicants are anticipated but none have yet submitted. TAB members signed up to donate desserts, drinks, etc.
- Dr. Hitchings urged the TAB to consider taking on the challenge of collaborating to develop a college-based program for students with intellectual and other disabilities such as autism. He pointed out that the federal Department of Education has placed a huge emphasis in this area and is funding programs to serve the 18-21 year old population. Many existing programs offer skill development in the areas of employment readiness, self-advocacy and independent living.
- Stacie Kintigh had requested that we include for discussion the topic of transportation and mobility management, particularly for rural Scott County. She recommends this for consideration as a TAB project.

- Jane shared a hand-out describing TAB activities of the last 1+ year, along with repeat projects to consider. It will be posted on the TAB website, along with these minutes.
- We discussed the need to survey TAB members on preferred activities, meeting times, days, etc. We agreed not to meet again until August 2011.

4/14/11 ACTION PLAN

Prepare, send out April TAB minutes. Develop a brief survey for all TAB members on preferred meeting times and activities for 2011-12.	Jane Rock	By 5-13-11
Bring goodies for Scholarship Banquet to AEA by 6:45 p.m. on May 3.	Becky, Kathy, Michelle, Jane, Paula, Barb, Joelle	May 3
Send out notice of next TAB meeting	Jane	Approx August 1
Share website resources related to college programs for students with intellectual disabilities and autism.	Dr. Hitchings	By May 1

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

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TAB Activities of recent 1+ year:

- Completion and Dissemination of Employment Matrix
- 2nd Annual Ready for L.I.F.E. Career Development and Scholarship Program (Celebration planned for May 3, 2011)
- Survey Monkey of teachers in Scott County on topics of interest (little consensus)
- Dissemination of red transition portfolios (ongoing)
- Dissemination of Living Flow Chart (September 2010)
- 1 TAB newsletters (September 2010)
- Support of 3 Parent Workshops (North Scott in Nov 2010, Bettendorf in Feb 2011, Pleasant Valley coming up April 28)
- Support of Bi-State College Transition Conference (Oct 2010)

“Repeat” Projects to consider:

- Updating community resource brochure (was done July 2010)
- Updating TAB website community resource information
- Offer and better promote Ready for L.I.F.E. Scholarship and Program
- Lunch & Learns “Taste of Transition”
- Survey of teachers and/or families and/or students to assess needs, plan accordingly
- Parent Workshop(s)
- Person-Centered Planning Training to launch teams
- Flowchart(s) to access various services
- TAB newsletter(s)

Below are ideas that were generated in April 2010 TAB brainstorming:

1. Flowchart Ideas:

- Applying for food stamps, rental assistance, community resource supports
- Advocating for funding for adult services
- Non college options for job training
- Parental rights and guardianship
- Employment supports and services (submitted by 2 people)
- College preparation and financial options (submitted by 2 people)

2. Teacher Workshops or School-related Ideas (combined with Lunch & Learn):

- Include elementary, junior high teachers
- Use Davenport inservice days to attract more teachers
- Transition between intermediate and high schools
- Self advocacy training for students
- Waiver – what is it?
- Create an IEP folder to include information on parental rights, guardianship, vocational rehabilitation, etc.
- Rotating teachers through different information tables on transition topics (modeled after a workshop done in Clinton)
- Broaden Lunch & Learn invitations to wider audience
- Go to DHS and walk through the waiver application process
- College preparation & financial options
- Respite services for students with severe disabilities
- Community agencies that provide transition services, including current TAB members (submitted by 2 people)
- Employment services options for Level 3 (severe) students – this was a popular topic in Muscatine