

SCOTT Transition Advisory Board

TAB Minutes

April 8, 2010

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Present:

Rebecca Seals, Dav. Comm. Schools
Julie Newell, New Choices Inc.
Katy Decker, HDC
Paula Arends, ACCESS/EICCD
Stacie Kintigh, North Scott H.S.
Hershel Jackson, IICIL

Kathy Eberlein, MBAEA/West H.S.
Carol Aden, Miss. Bend AEA
Jane Rock, Miss. Bend AEA
Michelle Wehr, Miss. Bend AEA
Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, DHS
Targeted Case Management

The meeting was held at the Fairmount Branch Library in Davenport.

Discussion:

- The committee met briefly prior to the TAB meeting. We have 3 applicants for the Scott TAB “Ready for L.I.F.E.” Scholarship Program and Banquet. We have applicants from Bettendorf H.S., North Scott H.S. and Pleasant Valley H.S. TAB members are still encouraged to promote the program. Applications are due to Jane Rock April 20. TAB members signed up to bring desserts to the Celebration Banquet on May 4. All TAB members are encouraged to attend. Jane invited MBAEA Special Education Director Julie Schendel.
- The TAB newsletter was completed and sent out in mid-March.
- The Lunch & Learn for April 23 (11:30-1:30) at Fortune Garden is finalized and the flyer was sent electronically to TAB and Scott County High Schools. Hard copies of the flyer were made available at the TAB meeting. Michelle is accepting registrations. Speakers will include Charlotte Rashid (Iow@Work), Steve Arzberger (Iowa Workforce Development), Sara Pressley (Career Link), Joelle McDermott (Vocational Rehabilitation) and Mary Correthers (Community Action of Eastern Iowa).
- Revisions were again discussed for the Housing Flowchart. The title will become “Applying for Living Supports in Scott County for Persons with Disabilities”. A couple other corrections will be made and it will be sent to TAB electronically.
- The TAB May Luncheon is still being planned at St. Ambrose for May 13. There is interest in having a guest speaker.

Jane shared a written review of TAB achievements in the last 1+ year and “repeat” projects to consider. We then engaged in brainstorming activities and came up with the following ideas for 2010/2011 school year:

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. Parent Workshop Ideas:

- Repeat Residential and Employment Supports Parent workshops (submitted by 2 people)
- Repeat SSI Workshop to clarify that students/adults can receive SSI if they are working
- Waiver Workshop

3. Lunch & Learn Ideas:

- Broaden Lunch & Learn invitations to wider audience
- Go to DHS and walk through the 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

4. Teacher Workshops or School-related Ideas:

- Include junior high teachers
- Include elementary 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)

5. Improving school/family communications on transition

- Get teacher input
- Hold TAB meetings at schools
- Invite Davenport Administrative Service Center Special Education Coordinators to be part of TAB
- Get TAB information into every Partners newsletter
- Evening transition workshops
- Do further needs assessment with parents similar to the Discussion Forums in April 2009
- Checklists for teachers to have at IEP to discuss transition options
- Checklist of individuals (agencies?) to invite for transition planning
- Teachers should have folders for each student with brochures of information; at least give TAB brochure (need copies!)
- Identify a TAB liaison at every high school in Scott County to disseminate and gather transition-related information
- Hold Waiver trainings at schools
- College preparation and financial options

6. Repeat or ongoing TAB projects to consider:
- PCFP and PCCP Workshops
 - Continue Ready for L.I.F.E. Program and Scholarship (submitted by 4 people)
 - Update website and brochure (submitted by 5 people)
 - Continue newsletters and consider electronic circulation to schools
7. Increasing TAB outreach/membership ideas:
- Tell others about TAB – Lunch & Learn for TAB agencies (submitted by 2 people)
 - Brainstorm ways to promote TAB website. Advertise on back of Transition Assessment bookmarks
8. Other Ideas:
- Development of area vocational internship cooperative
 - Determine teacher awareness of TAB, value of newsletter, etc

4/8/10 ACTION PLAN

Make final revisions to Housing Flowchart.	Michelle, Carol and Stacie	ASAP
Prepare, send out TAB minutes. Include Housing Flowchart (or send to TAB separately).	Jane	By 4-15-10
Develop a rubric for a goal for the Ready for L.I.F.E. Career Readiness Program	Stacie	By Fall 2010
Invite a speaker for May 13 Luncheon at St. Ambrose – either a representative from Achieve Quad Cities or Job Corps. Finalize luncheon with Dr. Hitchings.	Jane and Julie	ASAP
Finalize arrangements for May 4 Banquet at AEA; invite someone from each high school to speak on behalf of applicants; send confirmation to each student who has applied; request student photos to make a montage; print “Ready for L.I.F.E.” certificates for each applicant	Jane and Michelle and other committee members	By May 4
Continue to encourage students to apply for the TAB Ready for L.I.F.E. scholarship by 4-20 deadline. Request gift certificates to give as prizes to applicants who do not win the scholarship.	All TAB members	By April 20
Assist with putting together photo montage for May 4 Celebration Banquet. Inquire with potential donor.	Stacie	By May 4
Ask scholarship donors to make checks payable to LIONS Club in Eldridge.	All interested TAB members	ASAP

NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.
St. Ambrose University – Cosgrove Hall
Davenport, Iowa**

TAB MEETING LUNCHEON AGENDA

1. Lunch, courtesy of Dr. William Hitchings
2. Introductions and Announcements
3. Results/Review of May 4 Ready for L.I.F.E. Celebration Banquet
4. Presentation on Achieve Quad-Cities – Ray Porter

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