

SCOTT Transition Advisory Board
Minutes
October 18, 2007

Present:

Thom Gleich, Dav. North HS
Wayne Morse, Bettendorf HS
Hershel Jackson, IL/IA Ctr Ind Living
Audrey Mueller, Dav. Central HS
Katy Decker, HDC
Leann Noack, Wittenmyer Learning Ctr.
Kelley Yobe, Wittenmyer Learning Ctr.

Julie Newell, New Choices
Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, DHS-TCM
Rik Shannon, Governor's DD Council
Twila Robinson, Skills, Inc.
Bill Hitchings, St. Ambrose University
Laura Blake, Vera French MHC

Announcements:

- Hershel Jackson reported that over 30 students participated in Disability Mentoring Day on October 17, 2007 sponsored by IICIL at Moline Centre Station.
- Barbara Robinson-Lagarde reported that representatives from the State Office of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services would be in town to introduce a new Supported Employment Model that has been developed by IVRS, in collaboration with other state and regional partners. Meetings will be held on November 5th from 1 – 4 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center, November 6th from 8 – 11 a.m. at the Mississippi Bend AEA in Bettendorf, and November 6th from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Mississippi Bend AEA in Muscatine.

We reviewed the September Action Plan. TAB minutes were sent. Thom Gleich and Wayne Morse reported that classes at Davenport North and Bettendorf High Schools were in the process of using the transition/career portfolios. Audrey Mueller reported that Davenport Central was in the planning process of using the portfolios. Julie Newell has emailed several members regarding gathering application forms. Updated information regarding Daily Living & Health website was emailed to Jane Rock.

Presentation by Rik Shannon:

Rik described his work with the Governor's DD Council (www.state.ia.us/ddcouncil/) and the various projects in which they participate. Rik discussed a variety of topics including:

- ID Action (www.idaction.org), which assists people with disabilities in becoming more active in civic activities.
- Caucus Training project, which, in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office, provides students in special education information about the Iowa's caucus process and participate in a mock caucus.
- Advocacy University project, which builds self-advocacy skills and teaches how to be an effective advocate for legislative change.
- InfoNet (www.infonetiowa.org), a publication focused on the policies and policy changes concerning persons with disabilities. During the legislative sessions this is published every two weeks.

- Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which is designed to increase voter participation. Rik commented that the number of inaccessible polling places in Iowa has decreased from 200 to 1. However, increasing voter turnout is accomplished not only by reducing physical barriers at polling places, but also increasing voters' information and confidence to make them more likely to vote.

The TAB discussed planning a project related to assisting people with becoming more involved in the political process. Because of the upcoming federal, state, and local elections being held in November 2008, the group discussed holding several educational events during the next year to assist people with disabilities become more educated about the political process and feel more comfortable with participating in it.

ACTION PLAN

Get input from teachers throughout the fall semester on the transition/career portfolio. How does it work in different settings? How much time does it take? Are students successful working on it independently? How can TAB further support it?	Thom – Dav North HS Wayne – Bett HS Rich – Dav West HS Stacie – N. Scott HS Michelle – W. Liberty, Durant Jane - PVHS	By December 2007
Contact Elizabeth Cox about completing website updates on Budgeting/Money Management and Legal/Financial ASAP.	Jane Rock	ASAP
Complete updates on TAB website welcome page and links. Submit ALL changes to AEA webmaster.	Jane Rock and Michelle Wehr	ASAP
Gather and disseminate information from Governor's DD Council sent by Rik Shannon, including possible grants available.	Hershel Jackson	November 2007
Bring ideas for possible sub-committees needed for assisting people with becoming more involved in the political process.	All TAB Members	November 2007
Bring websites related to voter issues/political processes to be included in the next TAB newsletter.	All TAB Members	November 2007

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, November 15, 2007
1:00-2:30 PM
Mississippi Bend AEA
Learning Center – Yoder Room

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Review October Action Plan
3. Action Planning and/or sub-committee work
4. Confirm future meeting dates:
December 13 at Welcome Way Happy Joes (12-2PM)
January, February, etc?