

**CLINTON/JACKSON TRANSITION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**JANUARY 16, 2007**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Abby Boswell, New Choices Inc.  
Mike Terrill, Pathways Living Center  
Melanie Kluever, Jackson Co. Case Management  
Hershel Jackson, IL/IA Center for Independent Living  
Chris Meier, Clinton Co. Case Management  
Ellen Secor, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
Pauline Carr, Clinton High School  
Kathy Anson, Mississippi Bend AEA  
Jane Rock, Mississippi Bend AEA

**Announcements:**

- Last week Miss. Bend AEA hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Transition ICN. The topic was Transition to College. The third and final Transition ICN for this year will be March 6. The topic will be Transition to Careers. It will be 1-2 PM, broadcast in all AEA9 high schools. If you plan to attend, let your local high school know.
- MH/MR/DD Funding in Clinton County is not looking good. Service cutbacks are anticipated. Also, Clinton County Case Management will no longer handle the Children's Mental Health Waiver, effective 1-31-07. Those cases will be handled by DHS in Dubuque.
- The partial hospitalization program at Mercy Medical Center is being discontinued effective this Friday, Jan. 19, 2007. This program served persons with chronic mental illness following their hospitalizations.
- Susan Sacco has resigned from her position as Disability Services Coordinator at Clinton Community College. No news on when her position will be filled. Susan is now the Disability Services Coordinator at Black Hawk College in Moline.
- Clinton High School, the Clinton TAP Program and Iow@WORK will host an Employment Fair on Feb. 21, from 8AM to 12PM. They are targeting 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Chris mentioned that she appreciated the article in the last TAB newsletter on The Top 10 Transition Questions. She encouraged other TAB members to read it.

**Review of November Action Plan:**

- Jane brought copies of the updated community resource brochure, the updated Mental Health resource flyer and the Waiver Flowcharts for Clinton and Jackson counties. We have had enough copies printed to send to all secondary special educators and school administrators in the two counties. These will accompany the TAB survey drafted by Kathy Anson.
- Kathy shared copies of a draft letter and TAB survey to go to secondary educators. The TAB approved both, with the suggestion to add the TAB website.

**Discussion:**

We resumed discussion of funding and service limitations for young people who do not meet current waiver guidelines or other existing postsecondary service parameters. The cases causing the greatest frustration seem to be young people facing mental health issues. With further cutbacks anticipated at county levels and the changes in ARO, it is unclear exactly what we are able to transition such students “into”, to meet their vocational and residential needs. The TAB agreed it would be beneficial to invite representatives from DHS and Social Security to meet with us, to help us understand the existing funding and service structures. Then we will be in a better position to decide as a TAB how to address these gaps. Ideas for TAB included advocacy campaigns, grant-writing, TAB case studies, and creative collaboration for services.

**ACTION PLAN**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
Send out the TAB survey to all secondary special educators in Clinton and Jackson counties. Include copies of all TAB “products” in the mailings.	Kathy	Jan. 22
Help make calls to schools about returning their surveys.	Pauline, Kathy, Jane, Melanie, Abby	Feb 12-16
Compile all input received from the survey. Bring to TAB.	Kathy and Jane	Mar. 13
Email out TAB minutes and survey to all TAB members. Add Abby Boswell to TAB membership list.	Jane	Jan 19
Invite Cathy Van Buer from DHS to speak with TAB on April 17	Chris	ASAP
Invite Pam Shaw from Social Security to speak with TAB on April 17	Kathy	ASAP
Develop questions to guide discussion with DHS and Social Security on April 17. <b>BRING TO TAB IN MARCH.</b>	All TAB members	March 13

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, March 13, 2007  
1:30PM – 3:00PM  
DeWitt Library

AGENDA

- I. Introductions and Announcements
- II. Discuss input received from TAB survey to educators
  - A. Make decisions for further action based upon this input
  - B. Is further input needed from other organizations or individuals?
- III. Develop agenda and list of questions for April 17 TAB meeting
- IV. Action Planning