

SCOTT Transition Advisory Board
Minutes
January 18, 2007

Present:

Thom Gleich, Dav. North HS

Wayne Morse, Bett HS

Rich Toohill, Dav. West HS

Rick Sharp, Dav. Central HS

Julie Newell, New Choices Inc.

Hershel Jackson, IICIL

Jane Rock, Miss. Bend AEA

Stefanie Brandes, Goodwill/Super Sr.

Derek J. Haynes, Iow@Work

Charlotte Rashid, EICCD/IWD

Sue Fleck, EICCD/ACCESS

Barbara Robinson Lagarde, DHS

Brian Champ, Vocational Rehabilitation

Leann Noack, Wittenmyer Learning Ctr.

Elizabeth Cox, Disability Navigator

Kylah Rasche, Vera French Job Link

Announcements:

- Careers Conference “Building Futures that Work” will be January 29-31 in Madison, Wisconsin. For details go to www.cew.wisc.edu/careers
- The 2nd in this year’s Transition ICN series was Jan. 9 and the topic was Transition to College. The final Transition ICN for this year will be March 6, 1:00 -2:00 PM, and the topic will be transition to careers. It will be broadcast in all AEA9 high schools. Contact Jane Rock for more information.
- Super Senior is changing its name to Career Connections. It is felt that this name will better reflect the essence of the program.
- Iowa has been selected to receive free “train-the-trainer” training on Youth Safety in employment. The training is March 26 & 27 in Des Moines. To register or for more information, contact Diane.Good@iwd.iowa.gov
- Charlotte shared an article about the labor market for workers in low-skilled jobs.
- Brian announced the new Job Corps Admissions Counselor is Mark Halloway. Brian has invited him to join TAB.
- Sue announced evening transportation assistance for students taking classes at Scott Community College. Pick-ups will be at the North and West YMCAs, starting January 22.
- Jane brought copies of the updated community resource brochure. Those present took copies to share at their agencies/schools. TAB members are reminded to discard old copies of the brochure, which are outdated.
- Elizabeth shared information on the Consumer Choices Option which is being rolled out gradually statewide, for Medicaid waiver consumers. Consumers will be able to select an Independent Support Broker to help them purchase their own supports and services. Training in Scott County is expected around May.

TAB Goals & Activities:

We discussed the top 3 ideas that were prioritized in October 2006:

1. ***Make available some simpler career interest inventories such as COPS, CAPS, etc. so that all students can benefit. (This was ranked #1 priority)***
2. ***Student Transition Portfolios (red folders) to help students organize their records and their planning for transition. (This was ranked #2 priority)***

3. **Inservices on Waivers, post-secondary education, where teachers actually visited DHS, Case Management, Scott Community College, etc. (This was ranked #3 priority)*

Another idea was suggested by Elizabeth Cox, related to funding available to promote MEPD (Medicaid for Employed Persons with Disabilities). If we agree to host a Resource Fair or Workshop (with an Information Table on MEPD), we can access this funding. We agreed to work in two committees for the next meeting, refining our earlier ideas. Committee membership and tasks are:

Portfolio/Career Assessment Committee

Members: Brian, Wayne, Thom, Rich, Stefanie, Sue, Jane

Task: Explore funding for Transition Portfolios, which would include Career Interest Inventories. Explore ways to integrate the Transition Portfolio concept with existing or developing guidance processes available in the high schools, for example P.A.W.S. at Davenport North. Promote improved utilization of existing assessment information, to support each student’s IEP transition planning (i.e. the 8th grade plan, CHOICES results, job shadows)

Inservice/Family Workshop Committee

Members: Hershel, Elizabeth, Rick, Derek, Kylah, Charlotte, Barb, Julie

Task: Explore ideas such as teacher inservices, student and family workshops, resource fairs, etc. to provide current information on community resources available to support students in transition from high school to post-secondary services. This could include a wide range of information such as career interest inventories, waivers and pursuing college.

ACTION PLAN

Talk with Barb Guy at Dept of Education about possible funding for Transition Portfolios	Jane	By Feb. 22
Prepare, send out TAB minutes	Jane	By Jan. 26
Talk to colleagues at North about integrating the transition portfolio concept with their P.A.W.S. groups	Thom	By Feb. 22
Get more info on MEPD funding to support possible workshop.	Elizabeth	By Feb. 22
Write article on Iow@Work Summer Youth Program for TAB newsletter. Email to Jane.	Derek	By Feb. 9
Write condensed timeline of highlights for students planning to pursue post-secondary classes, for TAB newsletter. Email to Jane.	Sue	By Feb. 9

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, February 22, 2007
1:00-3:00 PM
Iowa Workforce Development
902 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport
IOWA Room

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Review January Action Plan
3. Meet in 2 committees and develop recommendations
4. Committee reports and action planning

Note: The March meeting will be 3-22-07 at the Kahl Building, Room 1006, located in downtown Davenport at 326 W. 3rd Street.