

Transition Committee Meeting: November 14, 2014

In attendance: Sue Fairfield, Carrie Brooker, Nancy Moulton, Adam Zimmerman, Cindy Bernstein (chair)

Michelle Mason unable to attend

We participated in this meeting by phone. Cindy put out a prompt for the group: Brainstorm what you would like the goal(s) of the transition committee to be. What would you like these goals to accomplish? Members offered the following ideas:

- Fluency of communication between service providers and stakeholders.
- Professional development: resources (FAQs), tech assistance, linkages between what exists and those who need it.
 - Identifying resources, streamlining them, and making them accessible to our consumers and their stakeholders (schools, parents, community supports)..
 - The pathway of access.
- Various types of info floating around, appropriate for different stakeholders (Mainers, national users,

divide out for access- point in the direction of what's current, geographic, demographic).

- Transition/VR counselor- involved at an earlier age (outside of educational process)- acclimating user to “themselves”. Can take time for consumers to adjust to new people, is wasted time if consumers wait too long. This acclimation time is critical and needs to occur prior to “official” transition planning requirements (9th grade or 14 years old).
- Informing of VR services outside of the educational transition planning (blindness rehab specialist).
- Statewide activities advertised to students in need and community members needed to provide them.

Cindy restated the ideas for the group and asked where participants heard common messages. The following categories of goals and activities were defined:

- 1) Transition planning with consumer before and beyond school,
- 2) Transition planning with consumer within and along with school, and
- 3) Transition planning with consumer stakeholders.

This activity was shared with the DBVI-SRC at the bi-monthly meeting on November 19, 2014. At that meeting next steps based on the goals and activities were identified. It was suggested that Cindy set up a meeting with John McMahon to discuss:

- 1) the current transition related initiatives of DBVI,
- 2) what DBVI feels the committee needs to know about transition related to WIOA, and
- 3) how DBVI would like the transition committee to support DBVI and transition related activities.

Upon hearing the minutes of the discussion would be posted on the DBVI-SRC website, Cindy stated she'd like to put the minutes in a report form, share with the transition committee members, and, if approved by the members, submit to Scott for posting to the webpage.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bernstein

November 24, 2014