

Transition Advisory Committee  
October 7, 2011  
Minutes

Attending: Deb Hamel (SRITC); Derek Thayer (EWG); Joe Walejko (SRITC); Carol West(NKHS); Susan Doboszynski(Narr.); Amy Messerlian-Magidin(NKHS); Cora Baerjee(ORS); Carole Costanza(SORICO); Kathleen Neun(ORS); Diana Kriner; Karen Davis(ORS); Pam Petrarca(RIPIN); Kelly Egan(SKHS); Cathy Marcotte(SRITC); Nina Lusignan(SRITC); Mary Ellen Flanagan(EGHS); Tammy DaSilva(SCCA); Donna Allinson(WHS)

**1) ORS Referral Process – Karen Davis/Cora Baerjee/Deb Hamel**

- Karen, Cora and Deb re-visited the ORS referral process to the entire group. The referral is not an application. It might be a good idea to send a couple of applications home for the student/parents and any necessary doctor input. Teachers should write any comments or pertinent information on the referral form. The Social Security Number needs to be on the referral and application. Referrals should begin late Sophomore year/early Junior year.
- The group then split to discuss what the process is in each school district and develop a best practice. Please contact Deb Hamel or your district appointed ORS counselor with any questions.

**2) RIPIN News – Pam Petrarca/Diana Kriner**

- Pam will be the Parent Involvement Coordinator for our region. Her contact information is 270-0101 x 185 and [petrarca@ripin.org](mailto:petrarca@ripin.org) Pam and Diana provided the group with a folder with their workshop brochures, bullying walk brochure, Parent Conference brochure etc. There is money available from the Bullying Walk for mini-grants. Please contact Pam for further information. I will be forwarding an electronic version of the Parent's Guide to Transition Planning soon.

**3) South County Community Action & Shared Youth Vision – Tammy DaSilva**

- Tammy talked about their programs serving youth age 14-24. Examples of programs are Work Readiness, Distance Learning, GED classes, Mentors for Senior Projects, YouthWorks 411(summer program) etc. Please contact Tammy at [tdasilva@sccainc.org](mailto:tdasilva@sccainc.org)
- Shared Youth Vision continues to provide collaborative case management and meet every other week. They are always looking for new members. Please contact Tammy if you want more information or are interested in becoming a member.

**4) Transition Updates – Joe Walejko**

- Proposed TAC presentations were discussed. Survey is attached

- The Fairway Foundation is looking for a family/individual, up to the age of 26 with special needs, to assist with technology, adaptive equipment, transportation needs to enrich their daily living. They host a golf tournament in June with the proceeds going directly towards this great cause. I have attached the flier with more information.
- Save the Dates – Official Save the Dates will be sent out for each event as we get closer.
  - December 14 , 2011 – Transition 101 @ Radisson** – This conference will be geared toward new teachers, middle school teachers and teachers with little Transition experience.
  - January 26, 2012 – Advanced Transition Conference @ Radisson** – for TAC members and Transition practitioners
  - March 10 , 2012 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual College Forum @ Providence College**
  - April 30, 2012 – TLS Conference** – This conference is for teachers of Life Skills.
  - May 22, 2012 – Dare to Dream @ URI**
- The College panel is available for presentations in each district. Please contact me if you would like to schedule a time.

**Please contact me with any questions regarding the meeting or materials. See everyone at the next meeting.**

**Next TAC Meeting:**

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:30 NKHS**