

Transition Advisory Committee
November 4, 2011
Minutes

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

1) Dare to Dream – Deb Golding

- Deb Golding presented a video on last year's Dare to Dream conference. The conference was tremendously successful. There were over 500 students in attendance. The workshops held by the students were all very well orchestrated and received great feedback. They are looking to have more workshops this year and would much rather have students speaking and presenting rather than adults. The video will be available on the RITAP website at www.ritap.org under the "my transition" section or at www.d2dri.wikispaces.com
- The date of the conference is **Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012** and will be held for extended time this year from 8am – 4pm. The conference is geared toward Transition age students. Presenters can range in age and the attendees of the conference are typically 8th through 10th grade. They are currently looking for Presenter proposals for workshops. If students have a workshop they want to present, their will be a Workshop Support Team available to assist students with their presentations prior to the event. Please contact Steve Kidd from the Gamm Theater if you are interested in workshop assistance at your school. Contact info is steve@gammtheatre.org or 723-4236
- If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact Deb at Deb.Golding@health.ri.gov

2) CCRI – Disability Services – Shelly Olausen

- Shelly spoke to the group regarding the Office of Disability Services at CCRI. Eligibility for Disability Services is based on the student's most recent evaluations. The evaluations should be within the last three years. If a student has mental health issues, those evaluations need to be within the year. Students should take the Accuplacer exam before they graduate which will help determine what developmental/remedial courses they will need to take. Developmental courses for the Fall are full by the end of June.
- The Accuplacer practice test on line should not be used by high school students and teachers as a tool to determine their success at CCRI, but rather is simply a guide to the format of the exam.
- If you have further questions feel free to contact Shelly Olausen at 825-2164 or solausen@ccri.edu

3) CCRI – Center for Workforce and Community Education – Suzanne Mascena

- Please see attached powerpoint for information. If you have further inquiries please contact Suzanne at

4) Transition Updates – Joe Walejko

- The RTC's have a new Center of Excellence revolving around Student Mental and Behavioral Health Needs. We would like to create a network like the TLS network of teacher's in your district that would like to be involved. I have attached a sign-up sheet to the email. Can you please identify teachers/contacts in your district?

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

Next TAC Meeting:

Friday, December 9th 8:30 – 10:30 Location TBA