

Transition Advisory Committee  
April 13, 2012  
Minutes

Attending: Deb Hamel (SRITC); Joe Walejko (SRITC); Carol West(NKHS); Mary Ellen Flanagan(EGHS); Sue Doboszynski(Narr); Aurelia DeAngelis(Westerly); Cora Banerjee(ORS); Derek Thayer(E/WGHS), JoAnn Nannig(ORS)

**1) Transition Updates – Joe Walejko**

- Transition Fair survey results were discussed. There was a discussion around keeping the format the same for next year or begin to have a Real life Fair and Transition Fair in alternating years. The topic will be carried forward as a agenda item to keep the discussion going. The time of year was also discussed. A possible move back into the Fall was mentioned
- The last statewide professional development conference for teachers will be held this Friday 4/30 at the Raddisson. The conference is for Transition of Life Skills(TLS) Network teachers only.
- We discussed having WaytoGoRI come present to the TAC from an administrator side. We have received training from the eyes of student but have not truly dove into training from a teacher and case management perspective. Possibly June TAC but most likely Fall.
- The first TAC meeting of next year will be a statewide TAC for training around infusing the Vocational Evaluation into the IEP. The training will consist of TAC members: Career Discovery staff, ORS counselors, TAC teachers, Transition Coordinators etc. More information to follow.
- The RTC and RVAC contracts will be entering the last year of their contracts in July, so there will be focus groups in the Fall as they begin to get re-written. Please provide me with input regarding how the contracts are working in your districts and what improvements you would like to see. This will be a topic at the next TAC meeting.
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**2) Career Discovery/ORS –**

- The referrals for the Vocational Evaluations are now capped for this year, but please begin to make referrals for next year. We will be providing Voc. Evals over the course of the summer. Please contact your ORS counselor
- We will be running a 4 week summer work program for 10-12 students in the region. Please talk to your ORS counselors and Deb about possible student referrals. Students must have already received a Vocational Evaluation to be eligible.

**3) Americorps – Kerry Burns – Disability Inclusion Coordinator – Serve RI**

- Kerry has recently been hired as the Disability Inclusion Coordinator for Serve RI and came to discuss work opportunities and volunteer opportunities through Americorps and Serve RI respectively.
- Kerry indicated that there are a couple of programs such as YouthBuild(trades oriented) and Jumpstart(childcare oriented) that would be great for our students.
- Some positions are full-time and some are part-time.
- Kerry stated that RI public colleges will match the Education allocation from Americorps
- Any questions please contact Kerry at 331-2298 or [kburns@serverhodeisland.org](mailto:kburns@serverhodeisland.org)

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

**Next TAC Meeting:**

**Friday, June 8th 8:30 – 10:30 Location TBD**