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## Transition Committee

Minutes  
March 27, 2025  
9:30am – 10:30am (EST)  
**Zoom**

### Members Present:

Interim Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley, Johnny Calles, Tal Curry, Amanda Hutchison, Sara Tinker, Jason Wheatley, and Larry Taylor.

### Members Absent:

Diana Merzweiler, Frank Huffman, Gretta Hylton, and Todd Coffey.

### Staff Present:

Nanci Howard, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator, Veronica Dale, KYOVR Manager and Anu Kumari, Administrative Specialist Senior.

### Welcome/Introduction:

Interim Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley welcomed members to the meeting. The agenda was reviewed by all participants.

### Review of Transition Worksheet:

Council Member, Tal Curry presented a Transition Resource Sheet developed through a workgroup that includes members from the State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children, the Employment First Council and Kentucky Advisory Council on Autism. He

provided brief demonstration of the worksheet.

## **Key Features:**

- The document includes categorized resource links for transition planning, advocacy, self-determination, including support, decision-making, disability, executive functioning, employment, independent living, transportation, and IEPs.
- The document features hyperlinks to key resources, including:
  - University of Kentucky Human Development Institute (UK-HDI) employment checklist.
  - Kentucky Spin Youth and Adults Suite.
  - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) transition services for students.
- The workgroup aims to limit resources per category to four or less (except deaf/hard of hearing).

## **Feedback:**

- KYOVR Manager, Veronica Dale provided positive feedback and suggested including Kentucky partnerships focused on behavioral and mental health issues.
- Council Member, Tal Curry acknowledged the suggestion and explained behavioral health and crisis resources had been consolidated to prioritize youth resources.
- Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children (KPFC) was considered for future inclusion. The plans were made to test the resource list with various partners such as, KPFC, KYSPIN, KDE partners, and the Kentucky Autism Training Center.

## **Approval Process:**

- After much discussion, Tal will have the document reviewed for accessibility
- A revised, accessible version will be piloted with a small group for feedback/usability
- Upon receipt of feedback this group will look to have a draft for approval at July Council meeting

- Due to space, the document may not be co-branded with other collaborating entities, but the digital link can include logos.

## **Review of FAQ Document:**

Interim Chair Katie Wolf Whaley stated that the Advocacy and Education Committee Chair, Amanda Owen, collaborated with the special education director and the local school system on the language used. The Advocacy and Education Committee will review the FAQ document once more and it will go to the full council.

## **Transition 360 Course and IPE Review Document:**

### **Transition 360 Course:**

- Katie said the Transition 360 course had not been reviewed, but stated there was a conversation regarding more input from Vocational Rehabilitation and employment related individuals.

### **IEP Document Review:**

- Katie announced that a small workgroup has been meeting to discuss potential plans to review the IEP document. No further update was given due to the review process still in progress.

## **Public Comment:**

No public comment addressed.

## **Adjournment:**

Interim Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

Date: May 29,2025

Time: 9:30am to 10:30am (EST)

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