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Transition Committee Meeting Minutes

August 06, 2026

9:30 am – 10:30 am (EST)

Zoom

Meeting ID: 859 9250 0062

Members' Present

Chair Tal Curry, Council Chair Katie Wolf Whaley, Jason Wheatley/Proxy Gretta Hylton, Johnny Calles, and Zac Sappenfield.

Members Absent

Rhonda Logsdon and Larry Taylor.

Staff Present

Jonathan White, Anu Kumari, and Brooke Daniel.

Welcome | Introduction | Agenda Review

Employment First Transition Committee Chair, Tal Curry, welcomed attendees, and introductions were conducted. The agenda was reviewed and acknowledged by all participants.

Update on Advocacy and Education Committee Collaboration

An update was provided on collaboration with the Advocacy and Education Committee regarding transition-related resources. Members noted that the collaboration continues to focus on the Transition Resource Sheet and related communication resources.

Update on the Transition Resource Sheet

The committee received an update on the Transition Resource Sheet, including planned website updates through the [Kentucky Advisory Council on Autism website](#). Members also discussed the accessible version of the resource sheet and ongoing updates to the resource.

Transition Distribution List and Dissemination Plan-Document Review

The committee reviewed the draft [Transition Distribution List](#) and Dissemination Plan and discussed its development as a resource to support communication and distribution of transition-related information.

Key Highlights

- Reviewed the draft Transition Distribution List and its proposed use for sharing transition-related resources.
- Discussed reviewing and updating organizational contacts and representatives.
- Discussed identifying responsibilities for maintaining and updating the distribution list.
- Discussed utilizing partner organizations, newsletters, listservs, social media, and other existing communication channels to distribute transition-related resources.
- Discussed continuing to refine the document at future meetings.

Transition Distribution List and Dissemination Plan Discussion

The committee continued its discussion of the Transition Distribution List and Dissemination Plan.

Key Discussion Points

- Discussed the need to develop a purpose statement for the Transition Distribution List.
- Discussed the intended purpose and audience of the Transition Distribution List.
- Reviewed the Dissemination and Engagement Plan template as a resource to help guide development of the Transition Distribution List.
- Discussed whether the Transition Distribution List should remain focused on transition-related resources.
- Discussed gathering additional input from Employment First Council members and partner organizations before finalizing the resource.

Additional Discussion

The committee discussed questions related to employment supports available to students transitioning from school to employment, including current Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Order of Selection processes and available Pre-Employment Transition Services.

Members also discussed recently enacted legislation related to the Kentucky alternate high school diploma, including provisions regarding employer outreach and the development of a statewide employer list.

Next Steps

- Continue refining the Transition Resource Sheet.
- Continue refining the Transition Distribution List and Dissemination Plan.
- Continue developing a purpose statement to clearly define the purpose and intended audience of the distribution list.
- Review and update organizational contacts included in the distribution list.
- Gather additional input from Employment First Council members and partner organizations.
- Revisit the legislation related to the Kentucky alternate high school diploma at a future meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Employment First Committee Chair, Tal Curry, thanked everyone for their contribution and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, September 17, 2026
9:30 am- 10:30 am (EST)