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Transition Committee **Minutes**

March 28, 2024
9:30am – 10:30am
Zoom
Meeting ID: 899 3292 9358

Members Present: Chair, Jessica Beaven, Co-Chair, Frankie Huffman, Tal Curry, Todd Coffey, Jason Wheatley as proxy for Gretta Hylton, Larry Taylor, Johnny Callebs and Tom Hamilton

Members Absent: Diana Merzweiler

Staff Present: Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) Administrator, Nanci Howard and KYOVR Administrative Specialist, Pepper Caudill

Staff Absent: KYOVR Assistant Director of Field Services, Jonathan White

Guest(s) Present: Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) Pre-ETS Coordinator, Audra Shutt, Employment First Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley and KYOVR Deputy Director, Susie Edwards

Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review:

Administrator, Nanci Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief update of Project NEON. Introductions were held and Chair, Jessica Beaven began to screenshare a power point presentation.

Market Awareness for Transition Opportunities Discussion:

Chair, Jessica Beaven screen shared a power point presentation regarding how the committee could develop market awareness for transition opportunities. There was discussion of the Committee desiring to facilitate the Employment First Council attending the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce 2024 Inclusive Workforce Summit Conference, however it was stated that the dates for this conference were not yet known. There was discussion about how the committee could better coordinate Transition services amongst the state. Jessica stated she reached out to Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and is working on scheduling a representative from that organization to give a presentation to the Committee at an upcoming meeting. Jessica requested two members of the Committee volunteer to coordinate an upcoming interview/presentation of transition friendly businesses within their community. The purpose of this interview is to gather impactful stories which can be shared with others to help drive the Committee's

desire to spread awareness about transition services across the state. Jessica stated that she has contacted a business that will be sharing their story on inclusion in the workforce at the Committee's next meeting. There was discussion regarding existing collaborations with Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). Guest, Susie Edwards stated there is a ramping up of the KYOVR Outreach Campaign, presently underway. There was discussion about developing a marketing campaign utilizing existing businesses, partnerships and affiliates. There was discussion of the Committee developing a draft marketing pdf and the levels of approval the material would need to go through before public dissemination. Guest, Audra Shutt stated she would share information with the committee regarding her work in transition. Administrative Specialist, Pepper Caudill stated that there are many resource documents categorized by respective audience and currently available for dissemination through the KYOVR website Employment First Page. She shared the [link](#) in the chat and requested that members save to their favorites. The [link](#) was also shared via email with the Committee and the meeting ended.

Final Thoughts:

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Future areas of focus:

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Next Meeting Date:

Transition Committee:

Thursday, May 30th, 2024

9:30am – 10:30am EST

[Zoom Link](#)

Employment First Council:

Friday, April 12th, 2024

1:00pm – 3:00pm EST

[Zoom Link](#)

Hybrid Format

Location: Transportation Cabinet
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