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Transition Committee Minutes

August 1, 2024
10:00am – 11:00am
Zoom
Meeting ID: 833 2501 4487
Passcode: 197266

Attendees:

Jessica Beaven (Co-Chair)
Frankie Huffman (Co-Chair)
Johnny Callebs
Larry Taylor
Tal Curry

Members Absent:

Diana Merzweiler
Gretta Hylton (Jason Wheatley, proxy)
Todd Coffey

Staff Present:

Nanci Howard (Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator)
Anu Kumari (Administrative Specialist Senior)

1. Introductions

- Nanci Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief update on NEON Project (National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network).
- Introductions were held, and Jessica Beavan welcomed all participants.

2. Announcements

- Nanci Howard provided an introduction of new employee, Anu Kumari, who will assist with Employment First Council duties and correspondence.

3. Review of Agenda

- April Johnson from KCTCS was unable to attend to present at the meeting. Documents will be shared on her behalf and she will attend the next meeting.

4. Video Presentation

- Jessica Beavan presented a short video from the Ohio Employment First Council to illustrate their efforts and initiatives.

5. Discussion on KCTCS Disability Services

- April Johnson's role and the resources provided by KCTCS for students with disabilities were discussed.
- A video on KCTCS accommodations was shown, highlighting services such as alternative textbooks, assistive technology, extra time for exams, and more.

6. Future Collaboration with KCTCS

- A discussion was held on how Employment First can partner with KCTCS to support students with disabilities.
- A suggestion was made that April Johnson provide data on the number of students requesting accommodations and the types of accommodations provided.
- A proposal to have another representative from KCTCS join the next meeting to provide additional perspectives was discussed among committee members.

7. Inclusive Workforce Summit

- Employment First will be an exhibitor at the Inclusive Workforce Summit in Lexington, KY, on September 30th, 2024.
- Nanci Howard reported on the progress with Employment First signage and materials, concluding by stating that signage will be provided soon for the event. Preparation for the summit and the development of materials for representation were also discussed.

8. Transition Resource Sheet

- Tal Curry's draft transition resource sheet was reviewed.
- Committee members agreed to provide feedback on the draft within a week.
Action item: Committee members will review the draft transition resource sheet and provide feedback.

9. Other Business:

- The committee discussed the importance of early intervention and the need for accessible information for parents and caregivers.

Action Items:

- Jessica Beaven will follow up with April Johnson of KCTCS regarding data on accommodations and to confirm her attendance at the next meeting.
- Jessica Beaven will coordinate with another KCTCS representative to join the next meeting.
- Preparation for the Inclusive Workforce Summit will continue, with materials to be developed and finalized.

Next Meeting:

- **Date:** September 26, 2024
- **Time:** 9:30 am to 10:30 am

[Transition Zoom Link](#)

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Agenda: Items for next meeting

- April Johnson will be invited to speak with a colleague from KCTCS to provide insight into data trends within the disability resource centers across the commonwealth.
- Finalize preparations for the Inclusive Workforce Summit.

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