

Collier Partners in Transition (PIT) Team
2008-9 Meeting #4 Minutes
May 18, 2009
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Present Members:

1. Allman Todd, CCPS
2. Paul Starzyk, Sunrise Community
3. Tom Reilly, Dignity Group
4. Barbara Ridings, DVR
5. Susan Anderson, CMS
6. Josephine Morse, Parent/FFDD
7. John Maloney, Parent/FFDD
8. Wilbur Hawke, FND
9. Eduardo Peruza, CAT

Welcome and Introductions

The Collier PIT meeting was held in the Martin Luther King Administration Center, Collier County Public Schools (CCPS), Room 1-103, on Monday, May 18, 2009. The meeting was called to order approximately 1 pm, and facilitated by Allman Todd, CCPS.

We had two new members again at this meeting. One new member was Tom Reilly from the Dignity Group. Tom says he comes to us with a great deal of past experience with special needs trusts. Also new to our group, and sitting in for Carlos Menjivar of CAT, was Eduardo Peraza. Welcome to both of our new members.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the March 16, 2009 were submitted and approved by members in attendance.

Project 10 Update

Lisa Friedman-Chavez was unable to attend our meeting. Allie debriefed the group on news he learned at the Project 10 and Visions XVI Conference on 4/22 and 4/23/09:

- The opening address was done by Bambi Lockman, the Chief of the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services at the Florida Department of Education. She made it known that she was in full support of the downsizing/consolidation of the Transition services division into one main entity, that of Project 10...it used to be Project CONNECT, the Transition Center and Partners in Transition (PIT)...she did however say that PIT may take some form in the future. She did make it clear that the main priorities for Project 10 were as follows:
 - **SPP Indicator 1**
 - Percent of youth with IEPs graduation from high school with regular diploma
 - **SPP Indicator 2**
 - Percent of youth with IEPs dropping out of high school
 - **SPP Indicator 13 (Compliance Indicator)**

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- 100% of youth aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes coordinated, measurable, annual IEP goals and transition services that will reasonably enable students to meet the postsecondary goals.
- **SPP Indicator 14**
 - Percent of youth who had IEPs, are no longer in secondary school and who have been competitively employed, enrolled in some type of postsecondary education, or both, within one year of leaving high school.

Note: SPP stands for State Performance Plan

- Much of day two of the conference was working with our region on developing ways we were going to address, improve and/or meet the above noted indicators.
- One of the most notable things from the multi-agency panel discussion was that DVR was going to be releasing approximately 2,000 clients per month from their “order of selection” waiting lists in the state. That should allow some of our students off the waiting list and allow them to get their long awaited Individual Plan of Employment (IPE) written, which is the formal case opening for DVR.

Collier PIT Memorandum of Understanding

Allman updated the group on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He told the group that he had received signed participation forms from Sunrise, FDLRS, and CARD so far. Any other partner agencies interested in being included in our MOU, please get them to Allman for inclusion as soon as you are able.

2009 Transition Exit Survey

Allman shared with the group that the state was in year three of a transition exit survey. This is Collier’s year. We have been asked to survey 150 students who are not in ESE, are 18 years of age or older and will graduate this year. We have also been asked to survey 150 ESE students who 18 years of age or older who will be graduating or aging out this year. Our data will be added to the existing data that state has already gathered, and we will be able to compare our student exit data with statewide data.

Collier PIT Goals for 2008-9

Wilbur, Josephine and Allman debriefed the group on the Guardianship/Estate Planning event that occurred at Naples High School on 4/21/09. The event was a great success and many thanks to Rich LaBelle of FND and Tom Nurse who were the presenters. Also, a great thanks to ESE Specialist, Nancy Ross who set the event up for the families and other consumers. Wilbur noted that FND has the capacity to provide follow-up via webinar, etc. Alternative methods for delivery of workshop content was discussed by the group for addressing PIT goals. The other PIT goals will be revisited and re-established at our first meeting next school year.

Sub Committee Reports

None.

Next Meetings

The meetings for next year were discussed and will be held on:

- 9/23/09
- 11/18/09
- 1/20/10
- 3/24/10
- 5/19/10

All meetings will be at the same time as in the past, from 1 to 3. Meetings will be held at the Martin Luther King Administration Building of Collier County Public Schools, located at the Northeast corner of Airport Pulling and Pine Ridge Roads, behind Barron Collier High School. This year meetings will be held in **room 4-167**. **Room 4-167** is on the fourth floor in a room off of the cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.