

Collier Partners in Transition (PIT) Team
2008-9 Meeting #2 Minutes
November 17, 2008
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Present Members:

1. Allman Todd, CCPS
2. Paul Starzyk, Sunrise Community
3. Susan Anderson, Children's Medical Services
4. Susan Ham, FDLRS
5. Wilbur Hawke, FND
6. Jose Delvalle, APD
7. Josephine Morse, FFDD
8. Peg Sullivan, FGCU, Guest

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, November 17, 2008. The meeting was called to order approximately 1 pm, and facilitated by Allman Todd, CCPS.

Minutes from the September 15, 2008 were submitted and approved by members in attendance.

Update from State Partners in Transition & Project Connect

Allman advised that due to budget cuts State Partners in Transition and Project CONNECT were no longer functioning entities. Some chances for resurrection were being explored. Allie advised that CCPS still considered basic goals of improved transitions planning for students with disabilities is imperative. It will still be a major initiative of the Department of Education (DOE) to require and emphasize Transition outcomes. **Project 10** is now replacing previous Transition initiatives in the state, and all that is known thus far is that there will be funding, but how much funding, and what conditions there are on the funding, has not been described. So, as there is more information provided in the future, it will be shared.

Collier PIT Mission Statement

The group spent considerable time on a mission statement, and the philosophy of the need and/or merit of having a mission statement. It was felt that it could be part of the Memorandum of Understanding and/or Interagency Agreement. After much discussion, it was felt that the sound of Memorandum of Understanding was less imposing, so there was consensus of the group to agree to that language. The group agreed to the following mission statement, which will be contained in our Memorandum of Understanding:

The mission of Collier Partners in Transition (PIT) is to expand and strengthen collaborative relationships among families, students, agencies, schools and community resources to provide successful transition of young adults with disabilities by increasing their awareness of all available post school options and to bring about self advocacy.

Collier PIT Memorandum of Understanding

The group discussed and viewed model documents from Lee and Glades/Hendry and it was consensus of the group to follow the more informal format of the Glades/Hendry model. The Glades/Hendry model was a Memorandum of Understanding vs. an Interagency Agreement. Discussion ensued and notes were taken. An amended document will be attached to the email which accompanies these minutes for the review of the Collier PIT. Further input will be sought at our next meeting.

Collier PIT Goals for 2008-9

Goals for 2008-9 were discussed and a number of possible family training ideas were explored. Peg Sullivan from FGCU shared that someone from CARD might be able to provide training in some of the following topics:

- Transition
- Guardianship/Estate Planning
- Employment
- Sexuality/Social Skills
- Benefits/Services
- Self Determination/Person Centered Planning
- Independent Living

The thought of when and where these training might occur got a great deal of discussion. The need for child care and time of day was discussed, which of course impacts the possible locations of trainings. Josephine suggested we have the trainings at multiple sites. Paul stated that Patrick Weber is an expert in Guardianship issues.

Open Agenda

Paul mentioned that the Naples Alliance for Children's Resource Directory needed any changes and/or additions/updates to its directory right away for its hard copy editions.

Susan said that CMS is getting daily requests for assistance for food for the holidays.

Next Years' Meetings

The meetings for next year are:

- 1/12/09
- 3/16/09
- 5/18/09

All meetings will be at the same time as in the past, from 1 to 3 with sub committees meeting at 12:30.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:00 p.m.