

Collier Partners in Transition (PIT) Team
2009-10 Meeting #1 Minutes
November 18, 2009
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Present Members:

1. Allman Todd, CCPS
2. Paul Starzyk, Sunrise Community
3. Mary Kelly, CCPS-LWIT
4. Susan Anderson, CMS
5. Idela Hernandez, DVR
6. Josephine Morse, Parent/FFDD
7. Lisa Friedman-Chavez, Project 10
8. Jaime Bustillos, Student, CCPS, Barron Collier High

Welcome and Introductions

The Collier PIT meeting was held in the Martin Luther King Administration Center, Collier County Public Schools (CCPS), Room 4-167, on Wednesday November 18, 2009. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1 pm, and facilitated by Allman Todd, CCPS.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the September 23, 2009 were submitted and approved by members in attendance.

Project 10 Update

- Allman attended the Project 10 South Region Fall Institute in Fort Lauderdale on 11/6/09. He debriefed the team on high points of that event
 - Bambi Lockman, Bureau Chief for DOE Exceptional Student Education and Student Services gave the opening Keynote Address emphasizing the importance of Transition and the push from the Federal level on Indicator 13 and its compliance
 - There was an update from Kirk Hall of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation who spoke about the School to Work Transition Program.
 - He stated that students should apply for VR at least 2 years prior to graduation
 - At end of sophomore or early junior year
 - Discussion about what VR needs from schools
 - Spoke about Targeted Outreach
 - IPE while student is still in school
 - Counselors support student efforts to attain work skills and social behaviors to maintain employment
 - Districts reported out some of their current endeavors

Collier PIT Memorandum of Understanding

Allman updated the group on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We continue to get more members on board.

2009 Transition Exit Survey

Allman shared with the group that the state was in year three of a transition exit survey. At the end of last school year, Collier participated. We were asked to survey 150 students who are not in ESE, are 18 years of age or older and will graduate this year. We were also 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. After checking with the state, it was found that the data is still being assimilated, and won't be available until later in February. The group will be updated when data is available.

Collier PIT Goals for 2008-9

The group discussed keeping the same goals as last year, as we only addressed one of our stated goals for last year, the Guardianship/Estate Planning, and the group feels that should be an area of continued emphasis. The remaining three goals from last year to carry forward are:

- Benefits/Services
- Independent Living
- Sexuality/Social Skills

Sub Committee Reports

None.

There was a suggestion to generate a Sub Committee for APD funding. This was tabled as Jose Delvalle was not in attendance

Open

Paul stated that APD is to have Town Hall type meetings to begin after the first of the year at locations to be determined. Discussion will center around APD programs and the waiting list issue.

Idela Hernandez stated that Category I individuals have minimal waiting time. Some Category II are coming off the waiting.

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Next Meetings

Remaining meetings for year will be held on:

- 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.