

Collier Partners in Transition (PIT) Team
2009-10 Meeting #3 Minutes
January 20, 2010
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Present Members:

1. Allman Todd, CCPS
2. Paul Starzyk, Sunrise Community
3. Mary Kelly, CCPS-LWIT
4. Susan Ham, FDLRS
5. Idela Hernandez, DVR
6. Eduardo Revaza, CAT
7. Angela Pate, DBS
8. Jose Delvalle, APD
9. Leigh Anna Nowak, CARD

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 January 20, 2010. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1 pm, and facilitated by Allman Todd, CCPS.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the November 18, 2009 were submitted and approved by members in attendance.

Collier PIT Memorandum of Understanding

Allman updated the group on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Membership was encouraged to get their signature pages submitted. One member asked that the document be resent.

Project 10 Update

- Allman shared with the group that Lisa Friedman-Chavez, our Project 10 Regional Representative could not attend today so she asked that a number of topics be covered in her absence:
 - ArtThread Training Update- This is a program for students with disabilities that allows students with varying levels of disability to successfully engage in a computer based art/drawing experience. With very little skill, students can create quite amazing pieces of graphic art.
 - Website Update- The group was shown the Project 10 website. Allman told the group that there will be District resources placed on the website in the very near future.
 - The Project 10 Transition Wheel initiative was discussed. So far there have been two spokes published: Transition Assessment and Summary of Performance, both required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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/March. The group will be updated when data is available, probably at the March meeting.

Collier PIT Goals for 2008-9

The remaining three goals from last year to carry forward are:

- Benefits/Services- there was discussion that Marti Graf-Nagler of the Center for Independent Living and Joe Belardinelli, Disability Navigator may be good resources for training in this area.
- Independent Living- There was extensive discussion about this area. Consensus was that perhaps a panel representing a broad continuum such as Goodwill, Center for Independent Living, APD, Sunrise, St. Matthews House, David Lawrence, Parks and Recreation, Collier County Housing and Human Services Department, Habitat for Humanity, and others as appropriate.
- Sexuality/Social Skills- CARD can do?

Sub Committee Reports

There was a previous suggestion to generate a Sub Committee for APD funding. This was discussed at length, and it was determined by the group that periodic updates will be sufficient to track the current happenings. Currently, it is accurate to say that state funds are in jeopardy.

Open

FFDD brochures were circulated

Save the date: Promising Pathways: April 10, 2010 FGCU

APD Funding was discussed...There are approximately 19,000 on the waiting list equating to a 7-8 year waiting list. Homeless, danger to self or others, and care giver unable to care anymore are top priorities.

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Next Meetings

Remaining meetings for year will be held on:

- 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.