

Collier Partners in Transition (PIT) Team  
2009-10 Meeting #1 Minutes  
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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. Annie Alvarez, Collier Count Parks and Rec
8. Wilbur Hawke, FND
9. Jose Delvalle, APD
10. Lisa Friedman-Chavez, Project 10
11. Christine Cain, Collier County Parks and Rec
12. Jaime Bustillos, Student, CCPS, Barron Collier High
13. Abiba Jimma, Anabi, Inc. WSC
14. Angela Pate, Division of Blind Services (DBS)
15. Peter Ciani, Parent

**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 September 23, 2009. The meeting was called to order at approximately 1 pm, and facilitated by Lisa Friedman-Chavez, Project 10 at the beginning, and later by Allman Todd, CCPS.

We had a few new members again at this meeting. One new member was Angela Pate from the Division of Blind Services (DBS). Another new member was Peter Ciani, a parent of a student in one of our high schools. A third new member was Abiba Jimma of Anabi Inc., she is a Medicaid Waiver Support Coordinator. Welcome to our new members.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

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

**Project 10 Update**

- Lisa spoke briefly about the Transition Needs Assessment that was completed in August. Lisa spoke to the group regarding Project 10 in general (the majority of participants were not at the meeting where she presented the overview of Project 10). She showed the team members the web site (the mission statement for Project 10 is listed, as well as the Project's initiatives). Lot's of great stuff at the website. It keeps getting better daily.
- Allman joined the group and the five priority needs generated from the Transition Needs Assessment were discussed. The five identified needs are:

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- Student Lead Summary of Performance
- The Discovery Process
- Mentoring
- Community Based Instruction (middle school level)
- Community Participation

### **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 November. 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. We will further explore that at our next meeting.

### **Open**

Paul mentioned that Marcia Volmer of APD was interested in area informational meetings being held. She needs to know how many people will be interested in attending. He further spoke about the APD

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Community Session, which was held on 9/21/09 in Ft. Myers (one session was for providers and another was for individuals receiving APD services and their families); he also mentioned that the waiting list is 19,000.

Barbara Ridings noted that DVR has invited quite a number of people statewide off of the waiting list.

### Next Meetings

Remaining meetings for year will be held on:

- 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.