

Interagency Transition Advisory Board

MINUTES

January 24th, 2007

Consumer Credit Counseling Service

Las Vegas, Nevada

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CONFIRMATION

Present: Shannon Arnold, Michael Coleman, Cheryl Dinnell, Kris Christiansen, Acting Chairman, Joyce Messer, Frankie McCabe, Dena Minton, Jean Peyton, Rebecca Richard-Maley, Caroline Taylor, Gillian Wells, Karen Williams, Mary Zabel / **Absent:** Sueann Bawden, Jim Meyer, Chairman / **Staff Present:** Sherry Manning, Diana Peachay (It was established that a quorum was present.)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF PUBLIC ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Kris Christiansen at 10:40 a.m. and guests gave their introductions. **Guests:** Sylvia Milburn, Melissa Pegg, Martha Pilgrim, Tom Venardos

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2006 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2006 minutes was offered by Cheryl Dinnell and seconded by Karen Williams and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION ON STUDENT FIRST SUPPORT GROUP

Santa Perez, Self-Determination/Inclusion Coordinator & Vista Supervisor for Southern Nevada University Center for Excellence in Disabilities and Martin Cayer, Vista member (interpreter), gave a brief overview of People First with an introduction to the Student First Support Group for students transitioning from high school to adulthood. She indicated that Students First is a support group that lends a hand with students transitioning from high school to adulthood. Students First will help students learn about their rights as they become an adult. Brochures were distributed with information, history and upcoming topics regarding the program. Motion to support and work with People First for support of Student first was offered by Caroline Taylor and seconded by Dena Minton and unanimously approved.

Caroline Taylor requested additional Student First brochures for her office; Martin Cayer offered to deliver the brochures to her office. Sherry Manning will follow-up with Santa Perez to have an electronic version of the brochure emailed to her so she can distributed to the board. A recommendation was made for Student First to be put on the agenda for future updates. Caroline Taylor volunteered to personally help Student First.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCE MATERIALS

Caroline Taylor distributed the Workforce Development Resource Guide to the board.

INFORMATION PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007 AUDIO CONFERENCE

Mary Zable informed the advisory members and public about upcoming interactive audio conference "DDS Issues: Understanding the Gap Between High School Preparation and College Preparedness For Students with Disabilities.

DISCUSSION ON OPEN MEETING LAWS AND IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAN BE PRESENTED AS ACTION ITEMS AT BOARD MEETINGS

Sherry Manning discussed importance of the agenda to clearly state what action maybe taken and the importance of the subcommittees to come up with proposals to bring back to the board. Discussion was held by board members of the importance of the board's continued collaboration; not only subcommittees proposals. A recommendation was made to have Andrea Nichols, Deputy Attorney General, on the next agenda to clarify action according to open meeting law.

DISCUSSION ON SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JANUARY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CLEARING HOUSE/RESOURCES

Mick Coleman presented a report regarding the Subcommittee on Clearing House/Resources meeting that met in January. (see attachment) The board requested the subcommittee to find out how Minnesota was using the C-3 Resource mapping for actual students and asked if it could be available on DVD for them to research more in-depth information on funding. Motion for the subcommittee to find out cost on C-3 similar mapping resource process as it relates to fiscal and human resource information around this project; also to begin to have discussion amongst the board and others as far as some fiscal resources available (not a commitment but just probing) was offered by Kris Christiansen, Acting Chairman, and seconded by Rebecca Richard-Maley and unanimously approved.

Dena Minton discussed information received from the rurals and indicated that Storey County needed training and an increase in training funds.

DISCUSSION ON SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NOVEMBER BREAKOUT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TRAINING TRAINERS/PROVIDERS

Kris Christiansen, Acting Chairman presented information on Training Trainers/Providers subcommittee break-out session from their November meeting. The discussion also included how training trainers/providers will help kids and families. She indicated that the board needs to start planning on the 2009 Legislative Session.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FUTURE ITAB MEETINGS BEING FACE-TO-FACE OR VIDEO-CONFERENCE

The board discussed the pros and cons of video conferencing vs. face-to-face meetings and public participation. Rebecca Richard-Maley stated the importance of where ITAB posted their agendas and offered to share the posting list used at her agency. The board agreed, unless a mandatory face-to-face meeting is warranted, future ITAB meetings will be video conferenced. Motion to have the ITAB meetings opened to video conferencing or face-to-face depending on the needs of each and every member that serves on the board, as well as those that are taking on the responsibility of the video conferencing to make sure the board is compiling with the opening meeting laws, was offered by Gillian Wells and seconded by Caroline Taylor and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gillian Wells read a letter regarding a parent's discontent with Vocational Rehabilitation services. She will email the letter for Sherry Manning to attach to the minutes. Tom Vernados spoke about the Nevada Career Information System and the importance of listening to students more and their responses. Mick Coleman also indicated that they could do it as a presentation at a meeting. Melissa Pegg spoke about: training the trainers, sharing of information, and transition network between the school districts which would be a higher level of support. She informed the board that the next transition fair will be on April 27nd. She offered to provide resources for those interested in transition fairs and would show them how to do the web-based RSVP which is easy. Mick Coleman informed the board that there are some funds that are supposed to be made available for transition summits and conferences through the U.S. Department of Education. (seed money) Frankie McCabe informed the board her agency's upcoming student summit this spring or summer which will have student's compelling presentations of their transition experiences. Rebecca Richard-Maley encouraged the board to look at funding resources for transition that are available through the Division of Child and Family Services and county welfare agencies which have been historically underutilized.

DATE FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th in Reno / location and time to be announced. Regarding the various subcommittees, Kris Christiansen, Acting Chairman, asked that the board member's name that is in front of the alphabet, of each subcommittee, to contact the members of that subcommittee to set up meetings. Sherry Manning will email the board the subcommittees that they had previously volunteered for.

ADJORNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Rebecca Richard-Maley and seconded by Dena Minton and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.