CTC Minutes – May 02, 2017

Dear Members of the Community Transition Council,

Welcome to our last meeting of the 2016-17 school year! We had approximately 35 people in attendance.

Noah’s Interview – Michael shared the story of meeting Noah and hearing his employment goals and big dream of being a motivational speaker. When meeting with some peers about a presentation at MCEC, Michael suggested that Noah come to the presentation and be interviewed as part of a transition activity. The participants came up with several transition activities that would encourage Noah over his next two years. Because of this he has met individuals that have connections with other motivational speakers and will work getting Noah connected.

Agency Updates:

Debbie Rock – MI Alliance for Families – They had to postpone their Golf Outing until May 30th. They have been trained on a new training that will be offered soon.

Arc County – There is an opening on their board. Debbie shared info about a presentation at the START conference for working with employers to hire individuals with disabilities. She will share specific info as she gets it.

Dan Mitchell – BSBP – New procedures under WIA allow them to provide service to clients under Pre-Employment Training Services. There is a full day training on June 2 at Peckham.

Jonathan – DAKC – Youth Program is for ages 14-26. They are looking for volunteers for a massive project in downtown Grand Rapids to complete accessibility evaluations of several blocks.

MRS – Jo Champion – They have a couple summer programs they are gearing up for – both are partnerships with KTC and Region One.

Cynthia Alferink – Project SEARCH – Second interviews are this week. Still taking applications for Fall.

Network 180 – Consumers now have a choice of six providers for supports.

Cari Dennany – The Rapid – Cari works with Sarah Green as Travel Trainers. Cari reviewed some of the service times – less runs on weekends, more runs during morning and evening commutes. The Rapid serves the six-city, Grand Rapids metro region (East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kentwood, Walker, Wyoming and parts of Cascade Township. RapidConnect is an online tool for mapping your route using Google Maps. You can search by leave time or arrive time. There are options for choosing less transfers and less walking. They offer one on one travel training for individuals with a disability. They also offer group trips to tour Central Station and bus familiarity.

Kendra S. – SarahCare – A day care for individuals 18 years or older. They also offer before and after school care for those that can’t be home alone. They offer engaging activities to keep clients moving or alert. They offer intergenerational experiences (school groups coming in, etc.). They have two locations. They focus on socialization, physical activity and cognitive activity. They bring in community
performers and West MI Therapy Dogs. Their average age is 70 but they have students as young as 19. The hourly rate is $10-$11 an hour for before/after school. They do look for funding options if needed.

**Save-the-Dates**

- DCDT in Milwaukee October 11-14 – By far the best transition conference Michael has attended.
- October 25 – Transition Boot Camp – B13 Training in the morning then sessions in the afternoon *(look into SW-CEUs)*
- October 31 – Motivational Interviewing (Network 180 has a two-day training on this coming up)
- November 15 – Student Transition Conference
- Next year’s meetings: 10/24/17, 11/21/17, 1/30/18, 3/13/18, 5/8/18

**ICG Year-in-Review** – Due to feedback from exhibitors, ICG recommends we offer one Transition Expo next year and seek to align it with KTC open house events. They would like to explore ways to have local employers present at future CTC meetings. They are planning a full-day boot camp training on October 25th with transition planning, keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

**Transition Activities**

Transition Coordination Grant Description of Work for 2017-18 - Broken down into different functions:

- Use data informed analysis and review ongoing progress to ensure compliance with B13 indicator
- Work with LEAs to ensure training on the B13 checklist
- Inform districts of the rotation cycle for data collection for B14 indicator
- Provide supports for LEAs in increasing the response rates for B14 indicator
- Attend transition meetings at state level. Utilize previously existing and approved materials to develop additional technical assistance

In addition, the grant identifies three priority functions and duties associated with them: Data Analysis, Transition Assessment and IEP Development.

B13 Onsite Reviews – 22 districts participating – They have seen awesome transition planning with various transition assessments used, many activities developed and quality transition conversations occurring. Common problem areas are in Question 5 and Question 9. Michael reviewed those questions and the required criteria.

Michael reviewed the B13 Checklist.

We provided copies of the Transition Assessments Worksheet where our committee members shared info on assessments they have used. A copy was also provided of the list of Transition Activities that our members shared on the Google doc. There was discussion amongst the group on some of the assessments that were listed.

Nicole Handwerk shared with the group a new venture that she is involved with – The Makings. They offer creative workshops for individuals with disabilities.