Dear Members of the Community Transition Council,

Paul provided a printout of the agencies that are listed on our website and reviewed the items on our agenda. We had 36 in attendance.

**Agency Showcase**

Anthony Centille and Scott Snowling gave an update on Ability Employment Services. They started Ability in August of 2017. Their focus is pre-employment transition services for high school students. Their curriculum starts with basics and builds into specific job opportunities. Students sign up through MRS and sign a release to work with Ability. They developed the curriculum to work for students with a wide range of abilities.

**Agency Reports and Updates:**

Sue – MI Career & Tech Institute: Sue is the liaison with MRS. They do one-day training sessions. They graduate about 300 students a year and currently have about 350 students in their residential program. They have a partnership with KCTC for CNA and cabinetry and have partnered with others across the state, providing many opportunities.

Stacy Janusz, MRS (Region 3): Continuing to connect students to programs.

Omar Romero, Lincoln Campus: Working to develop transition plans for with students with unique physical and cognitive needs.

Joann Crumm, Network 180: Reported that budget cuts for CMH ($10M) are affecting a lot of their programs.

Cynthia Alferink – Project SEARCH application deadline is tomorrow.

Dan Mitchell, BSBP: Continuing to work with students on career goals.

Patt Clement, Arc County: They have SS and Medicaid workshops tomorrow. Golf Outing will take place in July.

Sarah Green, The Rapid: Provides training on transportation system.

Abby Johnson – YWCA WEAVE Coordinator – gave an update on their program. They are close to publishing their curriculum. Their main funding allows them to work with 18 and up but they have some other funding that allows them to work with middle and high school students.

Amy Barto – Lake MI Academy: Gave an update on a conference she is involved with.

Paul showed the group where they can access online the current agency list. [http://kentisd.org/instructional-services/special-education/services/transition/community-agencies/](http://kentisd.org/instructional-services/special-education/services/transition/community-agencies/)
**Transition Expo**

Paul shared a video he produced to promo the upcoming Expo on March 8, 2018. This year’s Expo will take place at KTC during their Open House. We are looking for exhibitors. Encourage staff and families to attend. Paul also gave an update on the MiCareer Quest, which takes place on April 25.

**MDE Memo**

A memo came out in December with a new standard of evidence for inviting agencies and when you need to invite agencies. Paul’s biggest concern is that they are making this retroactive to April for accountability. There is a meeting on Friday to address these concerns. The invitation can be done in one of four ways: A separate letter of invitation with the agency’s representative listed in the salutation; The representative from the agency listed in the salutation on the letter of invitation to the student and/or parent; Copy of an email invitation that includes the date when sent, date and time of the meeting, purpose of meeting, location of meeting and whose IEP meeting it is; or A written log of when a verbal invitation occurred that includes the date of the verbal invitation and who made the contact to the representative of the agency. Kent ISD created a guidance document to help users know where to document the invites. There is a report in PSE titled B13 Agency & Consent to help you make sure you have documentation for all IEPs marked with “Agency needed to be invited”.

**Transition System**

Paul reviewed the five domains of the Transition System. Two areas with most concern are soft skill development and family engagement. Meeting outcomes for today are to brainstorm a solution that this group can help implement and develop a plan for next year. We reviewed the list compiled from our last meeting of things that are working, needs, brainstorm ideas and suggested resources. Tables worked together to identify goals for next year. Participants then selected their top three ideas by placing a black sticker next to them. Paul will compile the results and share with the group at our next meeting.