

Conference Call Notes
Transition Learning Collaborative

Date: February 22, 2010

Time: 4:00 pm

Leader: Christina Paternoster

Participants: Josie Badger, Nick Claxton, Melissa DiSipio, Patti Hackett, Ruth Landsman, Loretta Massey, Ana Pacheco, Karen Reed, Amy Rothenberger, Michael Stoehr, Susan Tachau, Andrea Williams

Note taker: Margaret Lapsley

- ~ Christina welcomed the group, introduced herself and provided information on her background and experience, and laid the groundwork for this call.
- ~ Christina worked from the TLC Power Point. These notes will supplement the Power Point, not repeat it.

- Goals
 - How can we make things better so practices can get young adults onto the right track.
 - Attack Transition issues from as many aspects as possible
- Workgroups
 - Because you work in the field, you know what works best
 - We will be affecting policy
- Workgroup 1 – Resource Identification
 - Sharing resources is a great opportunity for all
 - A question was raised about the types of resources (internet, books, people) and how these resources will be housed
 - This is what the Workgroup will need to work on and decide
 - Information must always stay current
- Workgroup 2 – Integration of Disciplines
 - Great plans that work in one place need to get out there so they work more
 - E.g. IEP and 504 Plan
 - Get different partners to come together and talk
 - Insurance is a big one
- Workgroup 3 – Medical Provider Issues
 - How can we find and get more Providers to accept young adults with special needs
 - Rewards and incentives
 - At least 3 Pilot Programs
- Workgroup 4 – Youth Wellness / Self-Advocacy
 - Josie was asked to participate in this group and to ask several of the Youth Leaders to participate also
- Transition Conference
 - Michael Stoehr (PaTTAN) stated that the Scholarship Forms for this conference should NOT be dispersed at this time as it has to go out with the Brochure

- There are 9 health related presentations and 3 Breakout Sessions scheduled on July 22nd
 - Dr. Pletcher from CHOP and Dr. White from GWU may be presenters
- Timeline
 - Zoomerang Survey needs to be completed by all by the end of this week (February 28th) so Christina can organize the Workgroups
 - Phase 2 begins in December
- Susan Tachau questioned if there was going to be a group for housing issues
 - Christina replied that Workgroup 2 would handle that issue
- Christina stated that there would be a great deal of overlap among the groups and their resources and that the information obtained by the Workgroups will be passed onto Workgroup 1 so that they can store it to be accessed by the other groups
- Susan Tachau is working on the Gaskin Panel
 - She questions if TLC is tied in with the Dept. of Ed. or if they are totally separate
 - Christina stated they are separate; we are focusing from a medical perspective
 - ✓ Our suggestions will be made to Medical Providers
 - ✓ We do want to work with the Dept. of Ed.
 - Educational system is diametrically opposed to giving doctors any say in any educational process that they would be responsible for
 - ✓ This is where policy change comes in, according to Christina
 - Michael Stoehr (PaTTAN) states that there is a folder of transition material going out to the school districts and parents that contains a large amount of info
 - ✓ Michael thinks the information will filter back and overlap resulting in a connection between the two
 - ✓ Material is on a CD
 - ✓ Christina will check into finding a web page to house information such as this document and conference call notes will be available freely to each participant to review
 - ✓ Info can be found at www.pattan.net. Left hand column, click on Secondary Transition, see What's New
 - ✓ Website has the most current information
- Christina stated that we will be able to take a Pilot Program to some medical practices to use and get feedback of what we learned so it can be carried forward
 - We will have actual lessons that we learned and can monitor and tweak throughout Phase 2 and we can, at the end, present something that works
- What Now
 - Zoomerang Survey needs to be completed by all to supply Christina with background information and Workgroup choices so we can get started as quickly as possible.
 - Call or email Christina with any questions you may have
 - Groups will be assembled next week
- Christina thanked everyone for their time and ended the call but reviewed the beginning of the call with Nick Claxton
 - Nick has been working on insurance overlap with some progress

- MA staff in Harrisburg has been very helpful
 - Workgroup 3 can look at this
 - Nick will be presenting at the Conference at Penn State
- Addendum – We do have a place to post our notes from the conference calls and other relevant info for the workgroups on the Consortium website in the TLC section <http://paaap.org/cyshcn.php> When you click on the website you'll see the Consortium TLC heading just underneath the top navigation bar.