



Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2014

Meeting held at: Brevard Workforce, 297 Barnes Blvd, Rockledge, FL 32955

Attendees: Donald Blair, Zoe Conover, Jennifer Duros, Larry Fowler, Sherrie Fries, Jack Giordano, Lori Goodwin, Robert Gramolini, LeAnne Ireland, Janean Knight, Kathy Lowe, C.J. Miles, Cathy Osaisai, Laura Pichardo, Mariann Sampieri, Lynda Schuchert, Charles Steen, Heather Theobald, Maria Trieste, Nancy Watkins, Jim Watson, Cindy Wickham, & Tricia Woods.

Welcome and Introduction: Lynda Schuchert opened the meeting followed by introductions.

Mission Statement: Read by Heather Theobald.

Review of Meeting minutes: Tricia Woods reviewed the November minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jennifer Duros and seconded by Jim Watson.

Financial report: Kathy provided the financial report noting a balance of \$1004.54. The Space Coast Spectrum of Services was printed with ICB funds. 37 posters for the agencies and area high schools are in the process of being revised and printed. The committee approved \$500.00 to go towards the Visions Conference, April 29 – May 2, 2014 to assist in paying registration and travel expenses.

Order of new business:

- A Brevard Work Force presentation was given by Dawn Hamilton on the NEXTGEN Program. This program is geared to provide young adults (16-21) in acquiring skills they need, develop a professional image, gain confidence, and reach education and employment goals. The program offers a foundations training; then, based on skills, abilities and goals, there are 2 directions an individual can go: JOB (J-Track) or TRAINING (T-Track). Individuals are coached to achieve goals and then they are provided follow up services for 1 year. These services are provided mostly for non-disabled individuals who may have some limitations. This program has a 90% success rate of individuals meeting their goals.
- **Transition Task force**
 - Transition Fair to be held at Titusville High School on February 4th, from 4-6:30 p.m. Please arrive at 3 p.m. to set up.
 - Transition Fair to be held at Palm Bay High School on February 13th, from 4-6:30 p.m. Again, please arrive around 3 p.m. to set up.

- The task force would like to hold another ESE parent connection meeting in October 2014 at the school board.
- **Employment Task Force**
 - Mariann Sampieri was nominated to be the task force chair.
 - Previous goal to hold an employment forum and have a job fair were met, so the task force discussed new goals:
 - To establish 2 mini single-focus job fairs, one in the south and one in the north, using the Brevard workforce mobile unit.
 - Donald Blair is researching if Easter Seals can host the South job fair sometime in March.
 - ECCI, in Searstown Mall, Titusville would be interested in hosting the fair in the north area later in the year.

Announcements

- The Winter Institute, a free event hosted by Project Ten, Region 3 and 4, will be held on February 5th at UCF Orlando campus.
- March 1st, BAC is holding their annual fund raising event. This year it is called, "One Sweet Night."
- January 15th from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Job Club will be held at Titusville Library.

Next Meeting

- A special meeting to be held at Goodwill Industries, Rockledge on February 12th. Brevard Legal Services will be hosting the event. William Johnson, an attorney, will discuss guardianship.