

YORK BVRS 02/03/16 CAC MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2016

Present:

Jameson Collins OVR Supervisor; Terri Johnescu GSK Business Contact; Joelle Scholl Assert Resource Center; April Z Customer; Vicki Dettinger Fulton Business Contact; Sarah Stuckey OVR Early Reach Coordinator; Larry Kauffman Advocate

Next meeting:

April 6, 2016 10am-12noon York District Office

Discussion

Staffing- There are two new supervisors in the York OVR office. (Kayce Stoffa and Ashley Wilson). Kayce will supervise Project PAS and Project Search in Lancaster and Adams County. She will also assume the responsibility of co-transition coordinator for the York OVR office. Ashley will supervise hearing services and the partnership with the York County Careerlink. She will also assume responsibility for durable medical equipment purchases for the York OVR office.

All of the Counselors that were out on leave are now back and working in their caseloads. The York OVR office still has 3 caseloads vacant and out on overtime. On February 16, 2016, the overtime caseloads will be filled with one of our new Counselors. . .

David Caban -Western Lancaster County

Walter Harper -South York County

Jeff Sussman – Mental Health in Lancaster County

Sarah Stucky is our new Early Reach Coordinator. The York OVR office is in the process of hiring another Early Reach Coordinator and 3 more

Counselors to assist with Pre-Employment Transition Services.

The York OVR office is in need of 2 additional clerical support staff members.

The hiring freeze for clerical support has been removed and the York OVR office will move forward with interviewing clerical support staff to fill the 2 vacancies.

Pre-Employment Transition Services- The York OVR office currently has two providers approved for Pre-Employment transition Services. Those providers are the ARC of York and AHEDD. Both providers will provide individual services to the students within the District. The York OVR office is still in need of additional providers to assist with group services and potentially eligible students.

Early Reach Academy- The Early Reach Academy is scheduled for July 10-22, 2016 at Pennsylvania State University, Middletown PA. The York OVR office and the Harrisburg Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services office are still recruiting participants for the academy as well as Resident Assistants and Resident Directors (RA's) to work during the academy. The Harrisburg OVR office will continue to accept applications for participants and RA's through the month of February 2016.

Job Fair- Summer employment job fair for Lancaster students is scheduled for February 25, 2016 at the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 (5pm-7pm). Employers that participate in the fair will get at 100% wage reimbursement for each student that they hire. Students should register for the event with the IU13 and employers should register with the York OVR office.

Fenner Drives- The York OVR office has its first work based learning experience (WBLE) with Fenner Drives, Manheim Central School District, and the IU#13. York County will start a WBLE with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 (LIU12) and Perform Group within the next few weeks.

Starbucks- The second class of the Inclusion Academy graduated in January 2016. All 6 graduates were offered temporary positions with Starbucks. All 6 accepted the offer. The next Inclusion Academy is scheduled for May 2016. The York OVR office has started recruitment efforts for the next class.

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA)- The York OVR office has plans to be in compliance with the new law and include students, businesses and workforce partners. Students will have to participate in more community based work experiences. Members from the CAC discussed that OVR should help providers secure more Community Based Work Assessments (CBWA) by using funding to purchase insurance policies to cover the liability concern that many employers may have when discussing the possibility of bringing students with disabilities into the workforce for an assessment.

York OVR Goal- The York OVR office is at about 20% of the yearly goal for successful closures. Even though WIOA offers additional mandates, there has not been a discussion to change the rating standards for offices or Counselors.

Customized Employment/ Discovery- The Harrisburg OVR office is piloting this service. The York OVR office is not currently participating. The goal of this service is to get individuals that are in the sheltered workshops into the community, working in a competitive integrated setting.