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Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2016

Present: Ashley Wilson OVR , Kayce Stoffa OVR, Jaritza Nguyen
CIL, Dale Verchick Disability Rights Pennsylvania; Larry
Kauffman Advocate; John Eccleston AHEDD Area
Manager; Tony Schweitzer Bell Socialization Services,
April Zutell OVR Customer

Next meeting: February 15, 2016 10am-12noon York District Office

Discussion

- Staffing-
 - New BSR, McKinnley Generette started in position on October 31, 2016.
 - A second BSR has been nominated. Start date will be given after clearances have been received.
 - Third ERC will be starting in the Spring. They will cover school districts in Adams and Franklin County.
 - Two counselor nominations have also been sent to HR.
 - Looking to fill open Supervisor position. Interviews to take place in the near future. Will update when we have additional information.
 - Slowly filling open positions within the York District Office.
- Work Based Learning Experience-
 - Individual/Group
 - Currently working with Mickey's Pizza (York)
 - Spirit Trust Lutheran (York) – works with our DHOH Customers
 - White Tail (Franklin Co.)
 - Ski Roundtop (York)
 - Central York HS and Starbucks Distribution working together on creating a WBLE

- Fenner Drives (Lancaster)
 - Link to view discussed video:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFZMgyUU9Nc&feature=youtu.be>

- HGAC Trip –
 - Able to send 4 buses of students (Red Lion, Northern, LIU, and Adams Co. School District) for a day tour of HGAC. They were able to observe current programs being offered to the school.
 - Hoping to have additional programs in the near future which will give OVR customers more options for training that are pertinent to the current employment trend.

- Early Reach Academy-
 - First ERA complete in Summer 2016 at PSU Harrisburg with joint collaboration between the York District Office and Harrisburg District Office.
 - ERA was conducted over a two-week period where students were able to obtain a real sense of college life.
 - Audit classes
 - Money Management
 - Team building
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Assistive technology
 - College & Life Skills (laundry, living with a roommate, nutrition etc.)

(Pictures were shown to allow CAC members to see actual events at ERA)
 - An ERA will run again in Summer 2017 with PSU Harrisburg, by OVR Harrisburg
 - York DO is working collaboratively with Millersville University to create a program similar to ERA. Projected start date will be Summer 2018.
 - Suggestion was made to talk directly to school to assist in finding RA's for future ERAs.

- Discovery/Customized Employment –
 - Discovery is used as a guide for customizing an employment relationship for an applicant with an employer. This process takes into account the applicant's entire life experiences rather than single instances of performance. The goal is to lead to customized employment
 - A pilot program with OVR, phase 1 at Harrisburg DO.
 - York is being considered for phase 2 of the roll out.

- TAPS- John Eccelston Update
 - TAPS is a program being run by AHEDD through a grant awarded by OVR
 - In York County with York city school district, Lancaster county with Manheim Central and McCaskey
 - Working with transition age students on work experiences, education about opportunities for post-secondary training, classes in self-advocacy, work readiness, and independent living skills

- Future Plans for CAC / Open Discussion-
 - Dale Verchick Disability Rights Pennsylvania – Is there a possibility to have meetings in the evenings?
 - Membership is low
 - Providers cannot make it, due to work schedules
 - Norristown has evening meetings – great turnouts
 - Maybe interchange morning and evening
 - Re-assured that we would bring this concern up and see if this will be a possibility for future meetings. Will address at next meeting.

 - April Zutell OVR Customer – currently enrolled in Medical Billing and Coding Accelerated 1-year program, class of 6
 - Concerns about YTI Lancaster
 - Dysfunctional
 - Lack of accommodations (some profs. Do not allow her to test in quiet space)
 - No disability services to actually request services
 - High Turnover of Instructors (do not show up, uneducated on certain programs, confrontational)
 - Homework is elementary – having to teach self by you tubing/googling unfamiliar topics presented in class
 - Customer is 5 months in, 7 to go and feels she would not be where she is at without the help of her OVR counselor. She states she is very grateful for him and has nothing but gratitude for his assistance and OVR.
 - Hopes by her speaking out, this will allow OVR to urge other customer's to do extensive research into schools before making a commitment.

- **Next CAC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2017 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the York District Office, 2550 Kingston Road Suite 207 York, PA 17402.**