

CTIC Meeting Minutes

1/10/12

3:30 p.m.

Moorhead High School, room 217B

Donna Atherton (Arc West Central), Angela Doll (Moorhead Public Schools), Debbie Grant (Rural MN CEP), Dina Loomer (Disability Specialist, Inc.), Linda McRaven (Voc Rehab), Jane Rawlings (Access), Carolyn Strnad (parent representative/MOFAS), Dawn Tommerdahl (Clay County Collaborative), Rikki Trageton (Freedom Resource Center), Judy Wollin (Moorhead Public Schools)

Rikki welcomed the group and we did a round of introductions.

Announcements

- Donna
 - Valentine's Dance coming up February 13. \$5 tickets
 - Technology for independence workshop coming up January 26 (parents) and 27 (professionals)
 - Consortium Day at the Capitol – January 31; Arc - April; FAS Day – March 21
- Dina: has brochures for Disability Specialists
- Dawn: *Being the Other One* book discussion starts January 24 over the noon hour.

Parent Advisory group: The group felt that the 1/9 meeting went well. There was a great turnout of providers (Linda, Debbie, Connections, Heartland, Productive Alternatives). Parents asked a lot of questions. Questions surrounding enclave employment were especially enlightening because the process for moving from enclave to competitive employment isn't as clear as it is when the student isn't in school.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 12 on housing. Discuss models available and waivers. How do agencies support people who have different living conditions? We could have information available at tables or in packets. Maybe invite residential providers (CCRI, Access, Connections, MCRS, Solutions, the county, LSS) to the May meeting if the parents express an interest.

Publicity: For next year, school staff will add a check box on a survey that parents fill out – giving permission for Angela (or others) to send announcements about upcoming events like this advisory group.

Next fall: start with Get Set – Transition 101 training so that parents are familiar with the areas of transition, acronyms, etc.

Further discussion of **student expo** in 2013:

- Rikki met with the *Hilton Garden Inn*. They weren't willing to donate space but could possibly give discount on food. The only rooms that are free are those where we bought food. Average lunch price is \$9 – 11/person.
- Rikki is working on a connection in the City of Fargo to get to the Civic Center.
- Perhaps we could have smaller attendance and offer it two days in a row.
- Possible keynote: CLIMB Theater – could do breakout sessions, too.

Discussion of **Transition Gala Fundraiser** in Spring of 2012:

- Date is set for April 20 at the Ramada in Fargo.
- A DJ (Power Play) has been booked! Cost is \$400 to play from 9 – 12.

- Call for ESTR award nominations has gone out. Change this year: email nominations to Sue – she will reply with a confirmation. Deadline is February 15. Let Rikki, Larry or Jane know if you have any questions.
- Letters requesting donations for silent auction baskets will go out this week.

Any **new business** people want to bring up.....

- a. The transition game: is circulating among Moorhead High School teachers who feel it would be appropriate for students. There is also a vocational game for teachers (PACER – Carolyn has – she will bring it to Angela).
- b. Project Search site at Sanford: no update at this time.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.