

State of Nevada Autism Task Force
Transition, Employment and Community Inclusion Subcommittee
MINUTES

Friday, May 30, 2008
Teleconference

Members Present: Flo LaRoy, Barbie Lauver, Dr. Tessie Rose, and Scott Harrington.

Members Absent: Korri Ward, Kathy Treants, Joan Shaffer, Melissa Pegg, Jessica Lomboy, Tammy Garrison, and Suzanne Thomas.

Staff: Winny Simmons

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order by Chair LaRoy at 1:08 p.m. Introductions were made by all present for the record; it was established that a quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the April 30, 2008 meeting minutes will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING TRANSITION ISSUES:

Chair LaRoy re-distributed the document of findings and recommendations to the Transition subcommittee. As the committee went through the recommendations, they made the following additional suggestions and edits.

- *Recommendations for Data Collection* – Dr. Rose stated recommendation #2 is not clear on the individuals with dual diagnosis. Chair LaRoy asked Dr. Rose to rewrite this recommendation. She wants the school districts to report all individuals with ASD because they need this data to give to the Legislators. Dr. Rose stated recommendation #3 is exactly what they are recommending. Chair LaRoy stated it will remain a small number of individuals with Autism until they collect adequate data to prove otherwise. Dr. Rose stated she will rewrite this recommendation about being more specific on collecting on more students. Chair LaRoy stated in recommendation #4 she thinks it would be good to have a central organization that is independent from Government. Dr. Rose suggested not recommending a specific organization. Mr. Garrison stated he will rewrite recommendation #4.
- *Recommendations for School-Based Transition* – Chair LaRoy stated she was going to put a comment in this section about the state having an IEP and with the IEP are guidelines for writing the IEP. She asked if the guidelines from writing the transition component adequate. Dr. Rose replied they are looking to change the format because nobody knew how to fill it out correctly. Dr. Rose suggested

changing the word “consider” throughout the different recommendations. Mr. Harrington suggested in recommendation #8 to change the word “consider” to “develop”. Chair LaRoy stated recommendation #9 should start with the word “Fund”. Mr. Harrington suggested recommendation #10 be more specific of the students in need. Chair LaRoy changed the wording to, “to provide service to more students with significant disabilities”. Mr. Harrington suggested in recommendation #11 change the planning document to resource guide. Dr. Rose suggested taken out, “to empower them and clarify their roles in the process”. Dr. Rose stated she will rewrite recommendation #12. Mr. Harrington stated in the second sentence of recommendation #13 to change to, “in summer programs”. Dr. Rose suggested in the first sentence of recommendation #14 to add, “in multiple settings” after “work experiences”. Mr. Harrington suggested changing the first word in recommendation #15 to “Mandate”.

- *Post Secondary Education Recommendations* – Mr. Harrington will work on recommendation #16. Dr. Rose stated they are trying to get exposure for the kids to post secondary options. She will work on recommendation #17 because part of it is for the student and part of it is for people working with the student. She will rewrite recommendation #18 because there needs to be collaboration with the IEP team. Dr. Rose suggested eliminating recommendation #19 and adding life enrichment to recommendation #16. Dr. Rose stated recommendation #20 needs to be more specific on what they are recommending. She suggested changing self-advocacy skills to self determination skills. Mr. Harrington will rewrite recommendation #20 including a definition of self determination skills.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The committee agreed to meet again tentatively on June 9, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. to continue their discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.