

## **Core Team Meeting**

January 2, 2020

Vergennes Union High School

Present: Ray Mason, Emma Page, Jay Stetzel, Mary Ellen Giglio, Molly Brown, Suzanne Buck, Mike Dooley, Darius Breen, Mark Ciociola.

### **Introductions:**

New to the table was Darius from Job Corps.

### **Presentation:**

Jay discussed the work-based learning model. Dennis West is the community-based learning coordinator at Vergennes. He travels Addison County looking for various employers.

Most often students sign up for community-based learning on their own.

These are work experiences and the student is not getting paid by the employer.

The model changed from “you have nothing else to do so we’ll place in community-based learning” to the student wants to go as this has shown more successful.

Students get an elective credit for this. These are pass/fail.

Students have, typically, one block of time for these.

Transportation is still a barrier, but Vergennes has money for limited transportation also have a van that has been provided by Vermont Ride Share to use for transporting students. Even if students are able to provide transportation for themselves, cost of transportation can be a barrier.

Mostly Junior and Seniors are doing community-based learning.

Looking for some more ideas of community members for community-based learning to help cover more ideas that students may have for community-based learning.

Mary Ellen suggested using Sales Force to help with ideas and contact information for places for community-based learning.

Mike Dooley is interested in learning more about Sales Force for Job Corps for contacts and ideas.

Jay wanted to know if Vergennes could reach out to Mary Ellen if there was a student, they were looking for ideas on, but was not open with VocRehab. Mark Ciociola and Mary Ellen suggested VUHS sending a representative to a Creative Workforce Solutions meeting and reaching out for help there.

The question was brought up is if other entities had Sales Force License and access, who would maintain that with those offices.

The consensus is that it is better to use Creative Workforce and Core team meetings for any “needs and leads”

## **Discussion:**

Goal: Make three of four different "lists of resources". Business, name, address. To include training, employer, and community resources (housing, transportation, etc.). Looking to make a unified and agreed format for each area. And have the respective towns fill out as appropriate. Potentially thinking looking for a twice a year update.

Looking to work on making this a project for after the networking events.

Short term/ Long term goals for the team: The survey that Emma had provided at the last meeting the majority of people said they are wanting to provide the long term success of students and provide high quality services to students.

Senior exit survey: Jay said that VSAC does a senior exit survey every two years. And follows up every two years. Mike asked who has access the information and how does one access this information. That information is held here

<https://www.vtac.org/sites/default/files/uploads/Research/Senior%20Survey%202016%20In%20School%20A%20First%20Look.pdf>

Mike was curious about what the industry trends for the state. Mark suggested having a presentation done by the Vermont Department of Labor Statistics Department to present what things are looking at.

**Financial Reality Fair:** Will be happening at the schools in March

**Networking event:** Looking to firm up dates. Vergennes is going to do it on 4-1-2020. Mount Abe has given two dates Mary Ellen is looking to firm that up. Still no word back from Middlebury- Mary Ellen will reach out.

Looking to do 4 hours at Vergennes- one hour for each grade level.

Mary Ellen provided a tentative list of employers to invite to a career fair broken down by "All" and then each town. Looking for feedback about other ideas or suggestions.

Looking for ideas about layout and placement and number of employers.

10am-2pm for a time.

Darius suggested providing refreshments to employers.

**Needs/Leads/Support:** Job Corps still needs Vermont Students.

**Time, place, location, topic:**

February 6, 2020 at Mount Abraham Union High School (Job Corps as fall back location- final location will be firmed up). At 3:15 pm.