

## Core Team Meeting Notes

### Meeting at VAL:11/7/2019

#### In Attendance:

Ray Mason (VR Transition Counselor)

Emma Page(VABIR Youth Employment Specialist)

Mary Ellen Giglio (VABIR/Creative Workforce Solutions Business Account Manager )

Len Schmidt (PHCC Assistant Director of Adult Technical Education/Cooperative Education)

Lisa Sihler (MUHS Special Educator/ Transition teacher)

Sandy Gilbride (MAUHS Special Educator/ Work Based Learning Coordinator)

Suzanne Buck (Vermont Adult Learning)

Mark Ciociola (VR Counselor)

Jay Stetzel (VUHS)

Molly Brown (CSAC)

Mark Dooley (Director Northlands Job Corps)

#### Quick Introductions and roles

#### Addressing areas of improvement for VT Youth Works:

**Background info:** Academics in an integrated model that combines classroom time and work-based learning experiences. Funded by WIOVA. Check out website for more info: <https://vtyouthworks.org/>

- ❖ VT Youth works was a huge collaboration between VAL and PHCC. Needs more support and engagement from VR and CSAC. How can we do this??
  - Mark C. (VR) posed the issue that VR Young Adult Counselors cannot work with folks who have not identified a career goal.
- ❖ The Cohort/Team model is effective but can pose problems when one team member is not cooperative or sabotages other experiences.
- ❖ Transportation=Big issue

#### Transportation NEEDS in Addison County:

Transportation Summit with the Governor- DEC 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ALSO:** Ross MacDonald will be coming to our CWS meeting on October 10 at 1pm at the VR office in Middlebury to provide information on Go! Vermont services, and this would also be a good time to discuss the challenges we face locally around **transportation**. Please plan to attend, if you can.

#### Issues:

- ❖ Lack of providers of Driving schools/instructors.
- ❖ Outlier towns are often forgotten.

- ❖ Suzanne B. (VAL) spoke to her experiences on the school board learning about school busses picking up non school aged people.
- ❖ Few WBL opportunities for students to walk to

#### **Possible Solutions:**

- ❖ 5 O'clock bus that gets kids home from after school activities
- ❖ Donated cars/ good news garage? Who can reach out to this organization?
- ❖ Getting qualified drivers w/ CDL (Northlands)
- ❖ Jay Stetzel: VUHS is piloting a program through Green Cab and CCTA in which they were given a van to help transport students after school.

#### **Networking Event/ Career Fair at High Schools/ Other upcoming events**

- ❖ Thanks to those who were able to make it to our networking event. VR will be holding another Networking event featuring hiring employers in the areas this Spring.
- ❖ Financial Reality Fair Happening in March
- ❖ Career Fair? To be held at each School
  - Includes jobs and training opportunities/apprenticeships
  - Teachers/Mary Ellen will submit a request to admin to make students available
  - Event could be 3 hours- half a day
  - Before April break
  - Mid week/ in the AM

#### **Next Meeting:**

- ❖ Need to Identify GOALS!
- ❖ Integrating resources
- ❖ Meeting date: Thursday Dec. 5 at 3:15 at the Northlands Job Corps.