

Core team meeting

2/11/2020

Middlebury Union High School

In attendance: Ray Mason, Sarah Soule, Mary Ellen Giglio, Emma Page, Molly Brown, Kemal Onor (by phone), Jennifer Stefani

Mount Abe was unable to send any representatives- Presentation will be at next meeting.

Kemal Onor- Presented a brief overview of VCIL- Supports and services. Kemal presented his transition program- Doing work shops for students with disabilities around various transition needs.

In order to present a workshop, students must qualify for VR services i.e. 504 or IEP.

Transition Counselor (Ray Mason) will be in conversation with Kemal and provide contact information of an appropriate school office to Kemal.

Addison County Resource guide: The hope is to create a resource guide that is specific to each region. Not many people had an opportunity to look at this. Jennifer mentioned that the ACWA group is also working on a similar guide.

There is a concern about keeping track of the businesses and how many people “touch” each business. Mary Ellen suggested partners using SalesForce. One suggestion is to have a section for “last contacted” or similar on the guide.

People liked the idea of having a “town friendly” guide as this seems more useful on a local level.

Financial Reality/Career Fair Planning: the financial reality fair is being put on by the Addison County Workforce Alliance (ACWA). They should be reaching out to the schools for information and planning. If not, reach out to them.

Career fair/networking- VUHS and MAUHS were not in attendance. MUHS has a career day they put on every year. They have a keynote speaker come in and then have panels of people in careers that the students watch. MUHS is willing to investigate doing the career day that the CORE team had suggested- having a four-hour time frame (one hour per grade level) for students to meet with partner employers who would be looking for employees.

Still needing to finalize dates for career fairs. PLEASE reach out to Mary Ellen ASAP!!

Emma talked about Fowler’s R&R ranch- a nonprofit for returning Veterans to provide them with employment training <https://www.fowlersrandr.org/> The owner was recently injured and is looking for support.

Mary Ellen talked about the PCA class that VR is currently running at Mount Abe and how a similar training could be put on again at other schools if there is enough interesting.

Also; trying to develop a landscaping/groundskeeping training if there is enough interest.

Next meeting: March 5, 2020 at Mount Abraham Union High School