

## **Bennington CORE Team minutes**

**November 7, 2019**

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### **Agenda**

#### **Agency introductions and updates**

- CCV has new advisor starting soon which will soon double their advising capacity at the Bennington location.

#### **Detailed referral and program presentation from Darcy Oakes of CCV**

- Having a pizza information night after ICC next week – Life After High School – hoping families will be in attendance as well (see flyer) RSVP so they have enough pizza
  - Talking about college and workforce
- Introduction to College & Careers – free to 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Dual enrollment options for sophomores in summer before junior year – each student gets 2 vouchers for free courses at CCV
- Startup 802 – 1 credit course – Wednesday evenings starting mid-January and runs for 6 weeks; *mindset course*, time management, what are skills you want to get for your life, no Accuplacer needed, not much reading, writing or math, be an active participant. Good first course, also good if they've already used both vouchers (there may be some funding available from the hospital). About 1/3 class is HS students, 1/3 college students, 1/3 community members excited about their own business. Class comes with a trial membership to the Lightening Jar.
- Early College – not just for “high flyers” (not just honors and AP students)
  - Possible for students who are in their senior year, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> senior year, can use with dual enrollment, can access workforce plans
  - Motivation is important
  - Early College starts in Fall officially
  - Students can take multiple classes at once and not necessarily be considered Early College
- Fast Forward
- Career Development Services
- Workforce Initiative – nationally recognized credentials, can start working quickly
  - Pharmacy Technician – APPRENTICESHIP - only need 3 classes, then get hired by local pharmacy (CVS, Walgreens, SVMC)
  - Certified Public Bookkeeping
  - Manufacturing
  - Production Technician

- Medical Assistant
- Direct Admissions Program
  - Complete Associates degree @ CCV
  - Can follow Direct Pathways program through Castleton University, UNV Lyndon or Johnson, VTC
    - Nursing at Castleton NOT part of this program

### **Case consultations**

- Deb Munoz – 20 yo student recently at IDEALS from residential program – looking for group meeting
  - Kara recommended reaching out to Rachel McFadden, UCS, men’s group @ Atwood, lunch groups, introduction to community and resources
  - YDP – if individual was in state custody anytime after age 13, they are eligible for some or all of the services offered by the program.

### **Feedback on the meeting (what went well, what should we change, etc.)**

- More people showed up and from a variety of places
- Got questions answered didn’t know we had, able to help students
- Excited to learn more about the services present at the table
- Good signage to get to the meeting room
- 2:30 p.m. worked better because of dismissal and buses/traffic
- CORE team was denied grant for transition fair
  - Will still do an event but will be under tight budget
  - Sub-committee will meet in December and talk about next steps
- Make sure phone line is working
- Other folks we should invite we haven’t thought about?
- More information we would like to know? Knowledge gap?
  - List of resources and current contacts would be helpful
- Use Google forms to get current contact information of community resources, creates a spreadsheet that can be shared – Jen offered to create
- JOBS will present in January (had state training today)
  - Use Act 264 for “at risk youth”
  - Serve out of school youth
  - Emotional and behavioral disturbance
  - Exceptions to all rules

Next meeting will be January – likely 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January

Thursdays are working – bringing more people to the table