

11/13/20 Core Team Minutes

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We kicked off this fiscal year by having Tara Howe, VR Transition Program Director, share a bit of back history regarding the initial idea around the creation of core teams across VT. In regions, including Barre where Tara organized that region's core team, groups of service providers who work with youth and support their transition into adulthood, gathered to make connections and collaborate. Their intention was to share individually about the services to youth they provide, to learn about what other service providers in the area and to identify the areas in which their offerings overlap or compliment one another. Over time this group of service providers evolved and found ways to support one another's work by sharing resources and information gleaned in their own work with youth.

Tara also shared that there is a new State Agency Core initiative in the works. This team will provide support to the district level teams.

The purpose of our team has evolved since Shirley Carlson stepped down as leader and our purpose and direction have become unclear. We have the opportunity to re-configure what we as a CORE team want to do with our time together. We have identified common threads in what we all do. In some way each of us help youth be ready for employment, connect with services they will need as adults, ask for what they need to be successful and be aware of their education and training options, post HS. We each have an opportunity to encourage community involvement and have a say in the determination our main focus.

Team members have identified where more information would be helpful, including chronic homelessness and appropriate language as it relates to connecting with guarded youth. And that we should continue with at least 1 annual Transition Team presentation to each HS Special Education department.

For our next CORE Team meeting, we are going to try and get more Special Educators to attend. Danielle will reach out over the course of next week to invite them as our next month's presentations will be beneficial to school staff! We will have presentations on the Northlands Job Corp Training program, by Penny Stevens and VT Center for Independent Living (VCIL)-Independent Living Coordinator Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie will talk about her availability to our students through their school teams, to present on topics like understanding their disability and self-advocacy.

As a team, we have decided that we'd like to meet bi-monthly. We landed on Friday's at 9:00 AM.

We have set our next CORE Team Mtg. for **Friday 1/22/2021 at 9:00**. Danielle Sachs will send a meeting invite as we get closer, but please save that space in your calendar, and have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

CORE Team Agenda

11/13/20

9:00 – 9:45? Presentation by Tara Howe, VR Transition Program Director

Introductions

- What is the purpose of the CORE Team?
- Mission
- What do other CORE Teams use this time for?
- State CORE Team?
- Other Questions

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- Discussion about how we'd like to use our time
- Identification of roles (facilitator, timekeeper, note taker)
- How often should we meet
- What day/time works best for group members
- Presentation Ideas:

Labor Market needs in Franklin County

Housing options for Homelessness (COSA, VCRIP, ESD, CA, NCSS)

Work from Home

Virtual Job Panel

WIOA Youth Program

Apprenticeship for Youth

Job Corps

Others

- Next Meeting: _____ Friday **1/22/2021 @ 9:00 am** _____