

## CORE Team, 5/26/2021, Minutes

Agenda:            Introductions  
                      Announcements  
                      Guest Presentation; Tracy Jackson, HCRS Transition Coordinator  
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### INTRODUCTIONS

- Well attended CORE Team Meeting, remote. Representatives from VR, VABIR, JOBS, HCRS, Youth Services, Area Schools, VSAC, VAL.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VSAC, Suzy Wagner, shared that there have been significant funding resources added for Vermonters attending or returning to Vermont State Colleges. Go to <https://yourfuture.vvac.edu/> for more information.
- VABIR, Don Tretler, Youth Employment Specialist, shared that VR and VABIR will, as of Fall 2021, have funds to support up to 8 weeks of limited work experiences and work based learning opportunities with minimum wage paid per hour, direct to the consumer. Also, same can apply to short term training hours, if the consumer does not have other income during the period of training. Case by case basis.
- Youth Services, Hanna, shared current job posting at YS. Youth Homeless Resource Coordinator. See Youth Services web site for more information. <https://youthservicesinc.org/careers/>
- Vermont Adult Learning, GED Testing Center is again open to the public, in person, Mondays. Plus VAL is open for appointments on M – Th 9 to 5, Fri 9 to 2.
- Corey Ickes has left HCRS Supported Employment Services. Tamara Simmolkjier (sp) steps into the position as Coordinator. Welcome Tamara!

### GUEST PRESENTATION; Tracy Jackson, Transition Coordinator, HCRS

- HCRS is designated agency for Developmental Services, Transition Youth and Adults
- HCRS does all eligibility needs assessments
- If eligible for DS services, individual then has choice of provider, HCRS or other
- Medicaid Waiver funds services
- Bridge Services, HCRS serves non-waivered individuals
- Tracy presented a powerpoint that outlined HCRS eligibility and service very well. Tracy agreed to share powerpoint. Watch for this share to follow. [tjackson@hcrs.org](mailto:tjackson@hcrs.org)

### WHAT'S NEXT

- Next CORE Team meeting is Wednesday June 23, 2021, 2:00 to 3:00.
- June Guest Presenter will be Christy Betit of BDCC, Brattleboro Development Credit Corp, Youth Programs.
- CORE Team will be on hiatus for the months of July and August.
- We gather again to kick off the 2021/2022 academic year in September. Date TBA.
- We will share a survey soon to assess interest/preference regarding changing the day and/or time of our monthly meetings. We are open to a new time block. Please watch for the survey.

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