

Rutland County Core Transition Team

Meeting Notes

February 14, 2022

1:30 pm to 2:30pm

Next Meeting April 11, 2022 1:30pm via Zoom

Mission Statement: Collaborating to develop, provide, and manage an effective transition process for students in Rutland County.

1. Introductions

Teri-Anne Walker, Kara Haynes, Kathi Cassidy, Transition Counselors with HireAbility VT; Mari Burt, Regional Manager Rutland/Bennington HireAbility VT; Samantha Kowalski, VABIR YES; Gene Woodcock, Recruiter for Job Corps; Stacey Carmody, DOL WIOA Case Manager; Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, VCIL; Cindy Wagner, Poultney High School; Lea Pettis, RCPC Out of District Case Manager; Chris Etori, Regional Director of VAL; Cody Miller, Advisor for CCV

2. Announcements

From CCV: Cody shared that CCV has received some financial support for a special program:

Description: "This year, with a large gift from private donors, CCV developed Life Gap Plus. Through Life Gap Plus, we are establishing Student Resource Centers in four CCV locations, which will encompass food pantries/food prep capacity, peer-to-peer outreach around eligibility for 3SquaresVT, and various print materials from organizations in the local community."

From DOL: Stacey mentioned the DOL Barn Painting Project that is gearing up for the Spring, more information to follow

3. Gene Woodcock

- ✓ Overview of Job Corps
- ✓ Currently have 70 students with the capacity for 220.
- ✓ Can apply any time by contacting recruiter (Gene), processing takes 2 to 4 weeks while the program can take 2 years
- ✓ Students get a small monthly stipend, uniform and \$500 when they graduate
- ✓ Welding program remains full, but plenty of space in other programs including construction technology, auto mechanics, culinary, office administration, and urban forestry
- ✓ Working on rebuilding their work-based learning program
- ✓ Also offer high school diploma and GED programs
- ✓ Housing is now 1 to 2 students per room per covid guidelines
- ✓ Updated security

4. Maria Burt-Regional Manager for HireAbility Vermont

- ✓ Exciting name change from VR that better represents their careers initiative

- ✓ Services, mission, vision, and values are the same
 - ✓ Be on the lookout for local commercials on TV, You Tube, and radio
 - ✓ Shared video of 2021 SCEP at Killington which displayed new logo
5. Kara Haynes
- ✓ Summer Career Exploration Program
 - ✓ HireAbility is currently coordinating their second summer career exploration program.
 - ✓ Designed for students open to HireAbility who are undergraduates
 - ✓ Combines a curriculum with a placement in a workplace setting
 - ✓ Students get paid and transportation provided
 - ✓ Please reach out to a Transition Counselor for more information, registration closes 3/18.
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