

# Newport Core Transition Team Mtg. | MINUTES

04/04/2022 | 11:00 a.m. | Virtual via Zoom

Meeting called by	Lauren Dillon, VR Transition Counselor	Lauren Dillon, HireAbility Transition Counselor Kendall Middleton, HireAbility VRC/TC Laurie Cook, HireAbility Assistive Tech. Spec.
Type of meeting	Partners Collaboration and Networking	Peter Alexander, NEKLS Instructor Markus Vogt, NEKLS Center Manager Marlena Hughes, NSCF Consulting Teacher
Facilitator	Lauren Dillon	Kiera Markham, NEKCA Community and Social Justice Case Manager
Note taker	Laurie Cook	Matthew Hirtle, NCUHS 504 Coordinator Anna O'Shea, NCUHS WBL Coordinator Penny Stevens, Northlands Job Corp Outreach and Admission Counselor Carlie Wright, Northlands Job Corp Outreach and Admission Counselor Lori Gilbar, VFN Family Support Consultant Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, Independent Living Coord./ Racial Justice Coordinator Brittany Berry, VABIR Youth Employment Specialist Tracy Lamoureux, NEKCA YS Director Annie Christoni, NEKLS Pam Brown, NKHS Employment Coordinator Martha Frank, VFN Family Consultant Elizabeth Harrington, HireAbility Regional Mgr. Beth Diamond, VT 211 Resource Database Coordinator

## TOPICS

RESOURCES! Committee led by Markus Vogt did research on Resource Guides for our team and found two pre-existing entities that have what we are looking for, so Lauren invited them to share with the larger Group: Martha Frank, Vermont Family Network Family Consultant provided an overview of the Transition Toolkit available on the VFN website and Beth Diamond, Vermont 211 Resource Database Coordinator provided a helpful tutorial on using the Resource Database from 211. Highlights listed below.

**Martha Frank, VFN**–Transition Toolkit: Resources can be searched by county.

HireAbility (Rich Tulikangas vetted) Assessments and links are listed

John Spinney's Graduation Readiness Tool.

Core Transition Team Pages provide historical Core Team meeting notes as well as Info and handouts from InterAgency Core Teams meetings.

Martha also reminded us that VFN Helpline staff are ALL parents of children with disabilities.

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**Beth Diamond, 211-** website is currently down. Use this url to access the database:

<https://navigateresources.net/211vermont/>

Helpful hint: enter zip or town before searching.

To get an agency or program added, just dial 211 and tell them!

Email contact for Beth: [bethd@unitedwaysvt.org](mailto:bethd@unitedwaysvt.org)

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**Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie** is doing some work/research on self-advocacy. Moving forward, each Core team will small 5-10 minutes at their mtg to answer questions about this topic. See Action items for next meeting's prompts.

Additionally, Sefakor teaching a course this summer – Special Education: Global Disability Studies. For more information, go to: [go.uvm.edu/globaldisabilities](http://go.uvm.edu/globaldisabilities)

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**Lauren Dillon** took a quick survey on whether we should return to in-person meetings. Few responses provided were in the negative. One question whether hybrid meetings would be possible for those joining from afar.

### Action items

### Person responsible Deadline

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Self-Advocacy Questions

What sentiment do you hear from the youth you serve around the concept of Disability?

Sefakor Komabu-  
Pomeyie                      Next mtg.

- a) Is disability a part of our identity?
  - b) Do we need to own our disabilities?
  - c) Do we need to be proud of our disabilities at all?
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