

CORE Team Minutes April 26, 2022 Brattleboro Region

Introductions/participants: HireAbility, VABIR, HCRS JOBS, Job Corps, Youth Services, BUHS

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Guest Presentation; BUHS Flexible Pathways Coordinator, Kathy Thielen
- Announcements

Presentation:

- Kathy Thielen, Special Educator and Flexible pathways Coordinator for Brattleboro Union High School.
- Intent of Flexible Pathways is to provide access for all students to ways to satisfy graduation requirements and meet proficiencies in non-traditional ways.
- Examples include yet may not be limited to; Independent Study, Early College, Dual Enrollment, Virtual High School, Blended Learning, Alternative High School Completion Programs, Internships, Coop Work Based Learning.
- Program goals include addressing the needs of marginalized students through Flexible Pathways, not just high academic performers.
- Shared comprehensive Flexible Pathways Template currently in development/use at BUHS. This could be a useful model for other developing programs.
- Referral process includes; transcript review, special issues review, support system review, intake interview, department leads input, individualized Flexible Pathways plan drafted.
- New this year at BUHS; FLEX Studies is a core class. FLEX Interdisciplinary Class.
- BUHS has explored models at other schools with successful Flexible Pathways programs in place.
- Consensus is that some High School are fully incorporating Flexible Pathways programs, some are in development and experimenting, some are not yet able to embark on program development.
- Dedicated staff is ideal approach.
- More information, BUHS specific inquiries can be directed to Kathy Thielen at kthielen@wsesdvt.org

Announcements:

- None

Next CORE Team Meeting is 5/24/22 at 3:30 to 4:30 remote via ZOOM. Invite to be shared.