

# Newport Core Transition Team Mtg. | MINUTES

01/29/2024 | 11:00 a.m. | Hybrid Meeting: In-Person at NCCC Rm 380 & Virtual via Zoom

Type of meeting	Community Partners, Collaboration, and Networking
Facilitator	Lauren Dillon, Transition Counselor, HireAbility
Note Taker	Tara Shatney, Transition Counselor, HireAbility
Presenters:	Tom Cheney, Executive Director, Advance Vermont

**In-Person Attendance:**  
Tara Shatney, HireAbility Transition Counselor  
Brittany Berry, VABIR Youth Employment Specialist  
Jenn Charles (Cote), VABIR Youth Employment Specialist  
Annie Christoni, NEKLS Outreach & Recruitment/Workforce Development Program Manager  
Allison Labor, NEKLS Transition Specialist  
Tracey Lamoureux, NEKCA Youth Services  
Liam Crannell, NEKCA BARJ Program Coordinator  
Terry Boe, NEKCA BARJ Case Manager  
Amanda Lawson, VT DOL Job Center Specialist  
Dallas Willey, VT DOL Job Center Specialist  
Dahe Stoddard, Building Fearless Futures  
Diane Tutko, NCUHS Asst. Director of Special Services

**Virtual Attendance:**  
Lauren Dillon, HireAbility Transition Counselor  
Josh Drown, NKHS IDDS Employment Coordinator  
Chris Mitchell, AHS Field Director  
Belinda Webster, NEKCA Youth Services TLP Coordinator  
Karen Blake-Orne, HireAbility Senior Counselor  
Liz Harrington, HireAbility Regional Manager  
Jennifer Gibney, Reach Up Case Manager  
Lori Gilbar, VFN Family Support Consultant  
Tom Cheney, Advance VT Executive Director  
Chris Vetrosky, NKHS IDDS Employment Specialist  
Sefakor Kamabu-Pomeyie (Ph.D), VCIL Independent Living Coordinator



## TOPIC

- Tom Cheney, Executive Director of Advance Vermont, presented the MyFutureVT website; Vermont's free one-stop shop for education and career resources.
  - Designed to be user-friendly and accessible.
  - Uses person-centered, inclusive tone and language.
  - Includes resources for individuals of all demographics including disadvantaged populations.
- Explore the top 500 careers in Vermont including VT's "most promising" careers. Includes VT specific information from VT Dept. of Labor data.
- Access to interest and personality assessments.
- Explore over 508 credential bearing education and training programs across the state of VT.
  - Includes information about-
    - Flexible Pathways for VT high school students
    - Credentials and stackable credentials
    - Financial support

- Access to a Navigator Toolkit that includes:
  - Posters advertising the myfuturevt website.
  - Career and Education & Training guide.
  - Tips for language to use while exploring jobs and careers.

**For more information or to provide feedback, request a training, or to invite Advance Vermont to participate in career and education awareness events for students and families, contact Tom Cheney: [cheney@advancevermont.org](mailto:cheney@advancevermont.org).**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The 2024 Interagency Core Team Winter Summit is on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am-12pm, virtually via Zoom!
  - This event will focus on follow up on the goals established at the October Core Team event as well as on transition planning for youth eligible for developmental services as adults. Topics include:
    - Transition goals
    - Making connections with developmental services agencies
    - Supported employment
    - Supported post-secondary education opportunities

Meeting link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606724671?pwd=Slo1Y0FtUm9wMnRBb2hyTk5razgvdz09>

THANK YOU TO THIS MONTH'S PRESENTER!

Keep an eye out for the dates of the next Orleans/Essex County Core Transition Team meeting!  
If there are any questions or suggestions for topics, please contact Lauren or Tara!

Thank you,  
Newport Transition Team

**Lauren Dillon & Tara Shatney**  
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