

Minutes for the Springfield Core Team Meeting

April 1st, 2025

In attendance- Jamie Brown, Jennifer Cobb, Stephanie Bissonette, Rachel Root, Virginia Goodman, Lucas Grenier, Jennifer Parker-Williams, Alena Martes, Lori Coomes-Barry, Patrick Roye, Regie Cooper, Catherine Bell, Matt Meserve, Jennifer Merrill, and Becky Auger.

Mission statement read-

The Mission of the CORE team meeting is to make a difference in the lives of youth and support successful transitions to life after high school by fostering cooperation, collaboration, and the development of best practices among cross stakeholder communities.

Guest Speakers-

Stephanie Bissonette and Virginia Goodman presented their information on VABVI. (thank you for the great information) Please view the power point for details.

Transition Fair updates-

Jennifer Parker-Williams reported back that the Springfield Area Parent Center has openings on dates that we were considering. We were looking for a Tues, Wed, or Thursday night the first two weeks of May. It was noted that the Springfield Area Parent Center was located off the public transportation route. This group noted that the Nolan-Murray center would be a good site (or another facility in downtown Springfield). The group agreed that a convenient site was important. Jenn P-W and Becky will follow up on site locations.

After discussion the group went with a date of May 8th, 2025.

Action steps-

Secure a location (yikes, I know)

Advertise in school newsletters, local Facebook pages, newspapers, agencies- tasks to be picked next work group.

Send out an email to potential vendors to save the date (those on this Core Team and others)

Spread the word with families- everybody

HCRS will create a save the date and media for event. - Jenn Merrill will be working on this.

Funding- Matt Meserve is checking on funding option from the DOL.

Next Official Meeting- May 6th Springfield Core Meeting (this will be a day before check-in, stay tuned to work group emails/meetings). Please notify me if you would like to participate. As the cliché goes- many hands make light work.

Transition Fair Work group- (open to those interested in planning)

Respectfully submitted,

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