

## Meeting Notes for January 29

My Transitions Eastern Montana regional meeting.

Attendance was Cheri Reed, vocational rehabilitation; June Hermanson, MyTransitions; Isaac Baldry, regional coordinator. Isaac thanked all for coming and welcome them to the call. He then asked all to introduce themselves.

Isaac passed to June.

June provided a brief overview of the project and a brief description of ongoing activities in other regions. Great Falls ongoing, Missoula is starting, Miles City is starting. Billings is tied in with CSPD and MSUB.

Isaac address the next item on the agenda, regional needs and goals. Isaac referred to the last meeting as being in January 2011. The minutes from that meeting did not refer to any regional goals but was more a list of ongoing activities. Minutes are available on the website.

The first item addressed was the format of the meetings. Today's call was a conference call. Dates and times and format were discussed as what would be best for people.

It was noted that the current email list is mostly outdated. A doodle option poll was suggested and will be set up by Isaac Baldry.

A list of who should be included with in the emails was discussed.

Pam Buford LIFTT

All teachers in the region

Those who attended the transition conference

Career counselors

Service providers- DD services, mental health services, youth case managers, DEAP, AWARE, YDI, eastern Montana mental health, youth probationer officers, Kim Blunt @job service, disability services MCC, Special Education Directors.

Sherry asked about the goals of other regions. June explain Great Falls has worked with parents, teachers, and service providers. They developed a film and resource guide available on a USB drive.

The Billings region did a transition fair in Red Lodge and supported attendance to the transition conference this last year.

Great Falls participated and supported in the DMD day and placed 4 individuals on job shadows last year planning more for this year. Billings has the MyTransitions regional meeting after the CS PD regional meetings. They break for lunch and do them on the same day.

Isaac will email Karen Pickart, cspd.r1@gmail.com, from Region one CSPD and see if he can present or share information at the next regional meeting.

Cheri Reed d Rhonda Shumway and Theresa Baldry need to collaborate on a list of people to invite.

Group determined big goal was to help people understand what is transition, educate, educate, educate.

Next item discussed was Disability Mentoring Day. Discussion on doing something for disability mentoring day on the opening day of the MAR conference in Miles City or the day before. MAR will be in Miles City and all VR counselors will be headed there.

Idea of what already being done and presented at the conference. Have a job shadow day in September. There is a pre-application draft that's being compiled by the DMV committee. Should be completed in February. The pre-applications should be completed and back before May to allow planning over the summer. Ideas on how to use the DMD to support job shadows within IEPs.

Isaac will receive information from the disability mentoring state committee and distribute to the group.

Discussion on potential next meeting dates. Current funding ends in June. It was decided a meeting should be held in March and May.

Discussion that the group should meet at least one time a year face-to-face.

June will get Isaac the moderator code for future conference call meetings.