

Minutes Region 1 Transition Meeting

2/28/17 Webex call

In Attendance: Isaac Baldry, Theresa Baldry, Cheri Reed, John Keener, Brent Morris, Nicole Jackson, Kasey Target, Jenna Lyon, Renea Bidwell, Dena Senner, Jen Hawkinson, Becky Fuse, Madie Padon, Sheryl Bernham

1. Introductions:

(IB) Isaac Baldry, MYTransition Region 1 Facilitator

(TB) Theresa Baldry, Geographic Lead for PreETS TAC

(BM) Brent Morris- LIFTT, Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow

(JK) John Keener, Geographic Lead for PreETS TAC

(CR) Cheri Reed- Vocational Rehabilitation, 10 counties Region 1

(DS) Dena Senner, Co-coordinator CSPD Region 1

(SB) Sheryl Burnham, Co-coordinator CSPD Region 1

(RB) Renea Bidwell, Special Education Teacher Broadus High School

(NJ) Nicole Jackson, AWARE Adult case services

(KT) Kasey Target, AWARE Adult case services

(JL) Jenna Lyon, AWARE Adult case services

(JH) Jen Hawkinson, ACTION for Eastern Montana

(BH) Becky Fuse, ACTION for Eastern Montana

2. Presentations:

A. Jen Hawkinson, ACTION for Eastern Montana, <https://aemt.org/ourservices/employmentand-training/>

Contacts: Lu Toledo 406-345-2131; Jen Hawkinson 406-345-2128

Jen spoke on the summer youth employment program. They serve all 17 counties in Eastern Montana. They provides services to youth ages 14-21 if in-school and ages 16-24, if out-of-school. They do have income guidelines and a need to a barrier toward employment but suggest referral for determination of eligibility. They can offer support toward employment and education individualized based upon needs and barriers. They offer ongoing support to those who qualify and can assist in transferring cases to Job Service for those who age out.

B. Madie Padon, Montana Conservation Corp, <http://mtcorps.org/>

Contact: Madie, 406-495-9214

The youth program is for all Montana youth from the ages of 14 to 17 throughout the whole state. There is also an adult program. We do have 4 Regional offices that our programs run out of (Bozeman, Kalispell, Missoula and Helena). Our website that has more specific information about our youth program is <http://mtcorps.org/join/expedition/>. Our Missoula and Bozeman office also run a middle school program (which is shorter than our high school expedition model and the website is <http://mtcorps.org/join/middle-school/>). Our Kalispell and Bozeman office also run Tribal Youth Programs and Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crews that are paid positions. (<http://mtcorps.org/join/ycc-corps-member/>) As far as skills go, we don't ask for much. We do a lot of technical skill teaching in the field, but we do ask the kids be ready for all types of physically demanding work and changing environments. We do everything outdoors; from our project work to camping every evening. The kids are immersed in a crew and participate in all aspects of crew life. Our applications are done online through our website and they open March 10th. For the youth there are two, four week sessions; one starting in June and going to the first part of July, one the middle of July into August. Youth receive; 160 hours of community service for their resume, \$327 education award for schooling, and \$200 service award at completion. There is no cost to the youth. Transportation is arranged. Assistance with supplies if needed. There is an interview after the application is submitted. They are looking for youth who want to give back.

3. Regional Needs, Goals and Meetings:

- A. **Regional Resource information;** Region 1 Resource Guide and the Southeastern Montana Resource Guide from Job Service are up on our Region 1 page.
- B. **Timeline** discussion. We liked the Timeline from Region IV with edits needing to be made to the second page for Region specific information. All members will get information to either Cheri Reed VR or Isaac Baldry to adjust for our next meeting.
- C. **Website Region 1 page:** SB noted we need to add Darrell Hanmum as providing VR services in highline counties in Region 1 and his contract information. Havre: (406) 265-6933, (877) 296-1294

4. Transition Activities:

- A. (IB) MYLF, Montana Youth Leadership, July 17-24 at Carroll College in Helena. Applications are being accepted through March 25th. Please encourage applications.
- B. (JK) shared Movin On in Montana will be at MSU Billings this summer. June 20-23rd there will be activities to participate in prior to coming that will be followed up on at campus with support when students return home. Applications are online.
- C. (IB) shared Movin On in Montana will be at the University of Montana, July 11-14th. Application are online.
- D. (IB) shared for Kim Blunt from Job Service Miles City there will be a Job Fair at MCC from noon-4pm on April 13th. Table are still being accepted.
- E. (TB) shared there will be MCIS training focused on teacher resources and networking with others supporting employment and education; March 28th in Glendive at DCHS, and March 29th in Miles City at CCDHS. Both are scheduled from 9-3 with lunch on your own. Contact Theresa if you wish to attend; theresa.baldry@mso.umt.edu
- F. (TB) shared there will be a Train the Trainer in the Soft Skills Curriculum, in Glendive at DCHS on April 28th. The activity is being sponsored by Region 1 CSPD. Contact Theresa if you wish to attend.

5. Next Meeting:

- A. Our next meeting will be in April some time after Easter. May is too busy for everyone.
- B. There were no suggestions for presenters at our next meeting.
- C. IB will send out Doodle Poll for possible dates late March.

Adjourn: Meeting concluded 4:25pm.