**York CAN 04/20/2021 Steering Committee Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:**

* *Present*: **Laura Elder**, York CAN Coordinator; **Samantha Krieghauser**, Adult Enrichment Centers (AEC); **Liz Duda** (Zoom), Eat Smart Move More York County, Impact York County, Tega Cay Healthy Kids; **Crystal Guyton** (Zoom) York Road Elementary School; **Jordan Hayes**  (Zoom) intern; **Frank Keel** (Zoom) RHEDC; **Julia Khaled**  (Zoom) Khaled Law; **Warren Norman**; **Mandy Wolff**  (Zoom) RHSD3; **Seth Zamek** Care Partners; **Michelle** **Shaffer**, Maxabilities; **Lily** (Zoom) intern

**Meeting summary**: Introduced new summer interns; touched on bios, administrative updates, technology and York CAN recent highlights in which Elder has connected with community members. Discussed planning for October disability employment awareness month and October 5 York CAN kickoff during Resource Night at Miracle Park; planned May focus group meetings; and planned to create a talent pipeline team.

**Followups**:

1. Share Zoom link for May 11, 6:30pm focus group update
2. Share Outlook calendar invitation for October 5 York CAN kickoff meeting.
3. Invite Greenville CAN as guest speaker for our next York CAN board meeting.
4. York CAN kickoff flyer
   * All - review and give feedback.
   * Laura - add website and Facebook link.
5. Seth – share Lisa Robbins contact info.
6. Warren - work with Frank on business side of talent pipeline initiative.
7. All - notify Laura if we hear of events to get the word out about York CAN.

**Hired two people for summer**

* Jordan Hayes (interning with AEC; Clover native; will graduate from Winthrop (BSW program)) – will help with resource guide over the summer
* Lily – also in BSW program; interning with Champions of Change (Charlotte nonprofit); hopes to be a social worker helping all different clients to create a better space; will pursue masters at Winthrop; lives in Fort Mill.

**Discussion Highlights**

**Bio update**: Elder has received feedback; folks can still submit last-minute changes; she will submit to be posted to website.

**October is disability employment awareness month (DEAM)**: Shaffer is leading our efforts starting in July. Elder will follow up with mayors (Keel can help with Rock Hill mayor; Duda with Tega Cay; Shaffer in York; Cathy McCarter in Clover). Elder will follow up with individual visits to mayors to discuss York CAN along with DEAM.

**Focus Group Meeting Update** - May 11, 6:30pm, and Thursday, May 13 (time?) - targeting (ten?) people with disabilities and interested people. Alisa Bentley from Fort Mill and former Greenville CAN member has provided connections. Alisa will help moderate the call. Board members are welcome to join. Will provide questions in advance, and discuss “What is YORK CAN? How can I become involved? What is working in York County? What are our areas of need?” From what we learn from the dialogue, we can make a survey. Will discuss (not provide) resource list. Zoom and in-person options. Pre register.

**Technology** – Sam Walton is doing website and Facebook page. Have a phone number (803-639-7691); SurveyMonkey; EventBrite.

**Administrative updates:**

* Will submit first quarterly report.
* Second year grant was approved.
* Do we want to be a leadership team, steering committee, or board? Greenville CAN and ESMMYC have leadership teams. Impact York County has a steering committee. Goal of our group is to steer a (future) large group of ad hoc committees. No clear decision made; no one had strong opinions (people sound flexible so either could be fine).

**Other York CAN highlights from Elder**: Worked with 21 people with intellectual disabilities; met with 19 agencies; met with families.

**York CAN Kickoff**

* October 5 will be Resource Night at Miracle Park.
* Feedback welcome on how to promote this event.
  + Four school districts are interested. Are considering how to draw people.
  + Will focus on resource list.
* Greenville does lunch and learns with two presentations that have high, diverse attendance. Networking afterwards.

**Talent Pipeline Team**

* We want to work on employment.
  + Goal is to attract talent, to meet business needs.
  + We will try to figure out what pipeline looks? How do we meet employers’ needs?
  + Speak with Chris Sparrow at Greenville CAN (focused on transition and employment). Bring them in as a guest speaker for our board?
* Trying to recruit people.
  + Elder has met with Keel to discuss RH’s talent pipeline. He shared contacts. Does anyone else want to be part of that team?
  + She welcomes someone from the schools. Elder is thinking: SC Vocational Rehabilitation; Chris Keck with Winthrop University
  + Resource: Lisa Robbins, Regional Education Center of Dept of Commerce. (Zamek will share contact info)
* Keel shared that RHEDC has base established and grants to pay internships. The more businesses the better. RHEDC will launch a social media campaign to advertise the program to businesses, but an online application process for students at Winthrop, Clinton, and York - colleges. Norman offers to work with Keel to spearhead or participate. Began as technology based, but have expanded to represent underserved communities, veterans, and next step should be to include adults with disabilities (grant funders like this idea). Paid internships (50-50 model). Discussed apprenticeships (career path) vs internships (exposure to students). York CAN can leverage this group.

**Transition Advisory Council of York, Chester and Lancaster Counites**

* Host events for college-bound students, including College Success Tools.
* Elder will work with them.
* Zamek recommends we keep an ear out for plugging into other events like this.

***Next York CAN meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 8am***