

***Envisioning a fully inclusive York County community with equitable opportunities for people of all abilities***

***Our Mission is to bridge self-advocates, service providers, families, caregivers and professionals to make York County a better place to live for people of all abilities.***

***Steering Team Minutes and Action Plan***

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

**8:00 AM**

**In Person at 153 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill 29730**

Zoom : <https://zoom.us/j/92271896496>

**Attendance:**

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

Meeting summary: Laura Elder reviewed action plan. Went over resource guide. Brainstormed action plan and other opportunities.

**Follow-ups from today’s meeting**:

1. Michelle will email suggestions to Laura for Resource data base.
2. Laura will make specific changes to resource guide suggested in meeting. Samantha offers intern to assist.
3. All - Check October 5 availability for York CAN Resource Night.
4. Michelle will work with Laura to create a mayor proclamation about disability employment month.
5. All - Review spreadsheet once Laura edits (in DropBox link).
6. All - Review your bios once Laura emails them back out.
7. All - Complete Survey Monkey about this meeting once Laura emails you the link.
8. All - Laura will set up a focus group (or groups).

**Reviewed action plan**

* Submitted Year 2 grant proposal.
* Reviewed vision and mission that will be added to website and included in promotional materials.
  + A fully inclusive York County community with equitable opportunities for people of all abilities.
  + To bridge self advocates, service providers, families, caregivers and professionals to make York County a better place to live for people of all abilities.

**Went over resource guide.**

* Consider if we want to include only groups that “do serve,” or if we also want to include those that are “willing to serve” York, Chester and Lancaster County.
* Define all acronyms.
* Create a “transition” sheet with functional instructions and deadline/goals, with tracks (e.g., education; employability; group home) – a decision tree.
* Team felt that this could be overwhelming to families/individuals so explanations were needed for each area. Linking people to a coalition partner could help guide people through the process and list of resources
* **Advocacy/Legal –** 
  + Will add specific law firms that partner with us.
    - Add: Khaled Law; Care Partners; York County Probate.
    - Do not add: Family Court. AEC.
  + Noted important differences between advocacy and legal so will divide the two. Advocacy groups could be support groups.
    - Add: Family Connections.
  + Note taker recommends changing name to “Disability Rights SC (formerly P & Advocacy of SC)”
* **Case management**
  + Add definition of case management (and perhaps others).
  + Add “case management intake” which is the first step to getting assistance. (Explain that they need to do **local** intake.)
  + Columbus Group may be a future add if they serve locally.
* **Education and training**
  + Change “Horizon Industries” to “Horizon Industries / Maxabilities”
  + Add: Winthrop University; Clinton College
* **Employability**
  + Delete “York” from “York Adult Enrichment Centers – High Five Works”
* **Pull out “Benefit counseling” from employability and create a “benefits” page.** 
  + Explain what “benefit counseling” is and why it is important.
* **Independent living**
  + Add dropdowns (or a decision tree) that include: skills; housing options; and anything else.
  + Add: Assistive Technology
  + Skills: Add Horizon Living (Michelle)
* **Mental Health and Medical**
  + Split into two categories (mental health; medical)
    - Note taker suggest calling it Medical/Dental
  + To mental health, add: NAMI Piedmont of the Tri-County (Betsey O’Brien)
  + Add Medicaid
* **Other agencies**
  + Add: Catawba Area Agency on Aging
* **Add a “benefits page”** 
  + Add: Social Security; Medicaid
* **Personal Services / Therapies**
  + Add: Movement, Mindfulness and Me; RideAbility; Piedmont Music Therapy
* **Recreation / Leisure**
  + Add Victory Supports; Movement Mindfulness and Me; RideAbility; All American Athletes; Bit of Hope Ranch
* **Worship**

**Summary of action toward required grant activities:**

* Self- Advocates to be hired; interviews scheduled for Thursday
  + Are pursuing self-advocates to be on the steering committee, and on committees. Are interviewing six people, from a job fair and different connections. Will interview via Zoom with three people on the interview team.
  + It is suggested to include advocates in each age group. (People we are interviewing are generally either college age, or older.)
* Website is progressing. Laura is ordering business cards and promotional materials.
* Employment and youth transition remain areas of initial focus.
* York CAN Kickoff Event at Miracle Park. Tuesday, October 5? Resource Night Event with our coalition partners as vendors. October is disability employment month so can tie in employment; can communicate event through schools; could target transition-age youth and their families; would include resources (people from spreadsheets) to help plan the event; could ask each of four mayors to issue a proclamation to add publicity and highlight our focus
  + Michelle will work with Laura to create mayor proclamations. (September is Direct Support Professionals appreciation month.)
* Talent Pipeline- met with Frank Keel and he feels there may be a way to tie in disability employment pipeline efforts into the existing framework. Suggesting a small task force to investigate further and bring ideas to Steering team.
* Create a focus group with caregivers, parents, people with disabilities to be sure we are hitting the mark on what needs exist and what resources are being utilized.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 20th at 8:00 AM