**York CAN Steering Team Meeting Notes, September 21, 2021**

**Attendees:**

* *Present*: Laura Elder; Vicki Ball, Liz Duda; Samantha Krieghauser; Michelle Shaeffer; Mandy Wolff; Crystal Guyton, Julia Khaled
* *Absent*: Warren Norman; Lily Asaad

**Decisions:** Group agreed on the website going live after reviewing changes Laura made; approved Kickoff Flyer

**Followups:**

1. Duda will follow up with FM’s Pettit regarding mayor proclamation. – completed 9/21
2. Ball will share Koehl contact info with Elder regarding mayor proclamation.
3. Khaled will donate gift cards. She will check with ASCG; Cotton Hills Farms; and Zoo.
4. Krieghauser will contact a DJ who understands sensory concerns who might donate his time to the kickoff party.
5. Elder will give goods/mission ideas to Guyton to help set up scavenger hunt.
6. Arrive by 4:30 on October 5th, with a few people arriving at 4pm to meet the vendors.
7. Elder will share flyers with vendors, Ball will share with School District SpEd Directors and Coordinators
8. Next meeting – October 19, 8am via zoom

**Discussion Highlights**

**Communications** - Website publication delayed to ensure appropriate references to other organizations. Steering team agrees it looks good!

**NDEA Mayor Proclamation Work Group** – Tega Cay mayor agreed and is reported to have signed it yesterday; met with York mayor and will be on November city council agenda; no response yet from Fort Mill – Duda will follow up with Pettit and Ball has a Chris Moody connection (Marianne Kohl); Clover mayor has it and should sign it; Rock Hill mayor has it and should sign it.

**Disability Employment Awareness Month Activities** – We are featuring seven individuals and collaborating with businesses to share their cutouts. Steering team was excited about the pictures and interviews.

**Lunch and Learn Work Group / Friendship Circle Group** – Determined need to form “friendship circle” groups. Will try to get ideas for lunch and learn and sharing resources. Elder asks if we know of anyone else who might get involved? Guyton recommends Lesslie Pursley, and Peter Kostco Ocampo. Elder reached out to NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) which is working on something similar; they have a location where we could meet; our groups will meet to determine collaboration opportunities. In response to question about group purpose, Elder shared that this group will determine that. It could be like “speed dating;” for agencies and people who need resources and to learn what others are doing. Krieghauser attended Greenville’s which had two ten-minute presentations. Shaeffer suggests having someone knowledgeable about obtaining services; Khaled offers to help. Krieghauser reminds us of the diversity of disability to ensure that we are not exclusive.

**Transition Advisory Council (TAC)** – Ball discussed September meeting. Different this year as York CAN subgroup. Will meet monthly, including with outside agencies. SC has a new credential option (SC High School Credential) and some will collaborate on that. Will continue to have college success tools (April) and mock interviews (welcome help from community professionals).

**Kickoff planning** – We have 13 confirmed vendors; following up with 4-5 more. Discussed potential rain date (e.g., spring; week later; Zoom). The group likes the flyer; Elder will finalize at COB today. Khaled volunteers to contribute gift cards. Vendors should bring their own table/chair. Will have a looping slideshow. We previously discussed no music to reduce possibility of sensory overload; however Miracle Park had upbeat music to begin with that appeared to be positively received and an added energy; Krieghauser knows a DJ who might donate his time

**Board** – both people suggested last month were overcommitted (Caldwell & Yaffe).