**York CAN Steering Team Meeting Notes, November 16, 2021**

**Attendees:**

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

**Followups**:

1. Laura will send a survey to steering team to determine optimal meeting times.
2. Laura will contact various people to invite to join the steering committee: Peter Ocampo; Alton Johnson or Shane Childers; school Special Ed Directors representative; Mariann Carter; Kati Durkee; Kimberly Tissot; Steve Yaffe (if meeting time changes)
3. We need to identify a chair for the disability employment group.
4. Laura to meet with Website Manager to improve the Events page

**Discussion:**

Disability Employment Team–

* Need to identify a chair who can also serve on Steering Team
* Focus will shift to new projects-development of an Employer Summit to recruit new businesses to hire inclusive and development of a talent pipeline with the City of RH.
* One idea we can share at “Employer Summit” is employee resource networks related to people with disabilities (e.g., Liz notes her employer, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, has [employee resource networks](https://www.richmondfed.org/about_us/careers/working_here/diversity_inclusion?utm_campaign=able&utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=1634148201) which include [ABLe](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/federal-reserve-bank-of-richmond_myrichmondfed-nationaldisabilityemploymentawarenessmonth-activity-6854425306552377344-Ec2D)).

York CAN Connect Team-

* Need to identify a chair who can also serve on the Steering Team
* Lunch and Learn Series to begin January 2022
* A planning meeting is being held today to develop speakers and format

Transition Advisory Council (TAC)-

* Coordinators are discussing new credential program and how districts are handling
* Will continue programs of Mock Interviews and College Success Tools
* Fort Mill is doing a job Olympics event that they hope to expand to all districts next year

Website - Will make changes to reflect info on events that are open to public, vs info for just specific people (e.g., committees like TAC)

Steering Team- composition was discussed as several members have moved or taken other positions.

* Rep from Employment Team
* We have RHSD and FMSD representation but no one from Clover or York School Districts. Laura and others will present on Friday to school special ed directors and invite participation (to include Peter Ocampo from RHSD and a representative from this group, possibly Kathy Weathers.
* Do we need to broaden to ensure that people with other disabilities are represented on our council?
  + Laura will invite Mariann Carter who works with hearing impaired.
  + NAMI opened a drop-in center; Liz and Laura attended. Kati Durkee of NAMI and
  + Steve Yaffe, transportation expert, would be on steering team if meetings were not at 8am
* Kimberly Tissot, represented in a cutout and employed by Able SC
* Need a chair from York CAN connect

Newsletter – Will include the DD Council logo. Edits will be made and sent to all contacts, including steering team

SC Developmental Disability Council Grant Updates- Third year funding is due January 13th– Laura will reach out to some of us for letters of support. She is writing a revision for the Year 2 budget.

Resource Mapping Team- Laura is creating a team: Liz will help; Michelle’s case management supervisor, Jennifer Poole. This project will begin in January 2022

DECEMBER MEETING IS CANCELLED- MERRY CHRISTMAS!