



TRANSITION COALITION MINUTES

June 29, 2016

3:00-4:30

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** In attendance were: Caren Sax, SDSU Interwork Institute; Stormy Miller, SDCCD, College 2 Career; Marcie Hanna, Elder Care Law; Sheryl Bobroff, Urban Skills Center; Debbie Mary Ellen Stives, SCDD
2. **Review Needs Assessment to be sent to schools/students/families:** The committee reviewed the draft needs/interests assessment to be distributed to school district teachers and personnel at the beginning of the school year in order to plan future trainings and events. Other ideas for topics were included in the original draft, and the final version was reviewed and approved. Students and their families from middle school through transition programs will be asked to complete this survey so that trainings offered will be relevant, and meet the needs of the community. There was discussion as to the various opportunities available to distribute this survey, and it can also be put on-line at the State Council website, and at the Career Centers as well.
3. **Schedule Training on Individual Transition Plans for early in the School Year:** This idea was tabled, as the coalition decided to wait for feedback from the surveys before planning anything at this time.
4. **Update on the Transition Alliance:** The Transition Alliance is moving forward, and will be held on December 7th, 8th and 9th at the Sheraton, Harbor Island Hotel. Cost is \$350, but the event is vendored by the San Diego Regional Center, so we need to get the word out to interested families and consumers that they can use their annual scholarship for this event if they choose to attend. The Coalition also discussed the possibility of requesting a special rate be offered for students that would be interested in attending, and Caren said she would inquire about this possibility. The keynote speakers are very good, and this should be a great opportunity for our community.
5. **Old/New Business:** Feedback was provided regarding the Transition Fair held by the San Diego Unified School District. While the flyer had stated the main emphasis was going to be on Post-Secondary Opportunities, many students and families that attended were looking for other types of day service option information as well. It was also suggested that people from basically the same organization, share one table, as the San Diego Community College District had four separate tables, which might have been unnecessary. It was also clear from this event that many people had not had good ITP's, as there were many instances of people unaware of the direction their son or daughter would take following transition.

The Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 3:00, 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 250

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