West Central Regional Quality Council

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Agenda October 17th, 2023, 1:30 pm

The Regional Quality Council will:

1. Support efforts and initiatives that drive overall systems and social change to promote inclusion of people who have disabilities in Minnesota
2. Improve person-centered outcomes in disability services
3. Identify or enhance quality of life for people who have disabilities

West Central Regional Quality Council Notes October 17, 2023

Present: Jason, Sherri, Calley, Hollie, Phyllis, Chad, Bill, Angela, Michele, Molly

Arc Staff: Donna, Katie and Kerri

Sorry we forgot to record meeting

1) **Welcome/Introductions.**

Icebreaker question: Favorite fall food or beverage

2) **Council of Safety Data Action Group (DAG)**

   a) Started looking at data

   b) Was a great conversation about why instances happen and how we can look at them differently

3) **Statewide Staffing Shortage**

   a) Worker shortage is still really tough and is impacting goals.

4) **Workgroups -** Full council brainstorm

   a) **Employment**

      - Videos
        (1) Resources for employers are on the website; suggested listing resources for employees, as well
        (2) Most videos are Ok'd by DHS, still waiting for further approval before sharing. Will send them out once approved.
        (3) Promotion
            (a) CTV - $1000 – generate about 35,000 impressions
            (b) LinkedIn - $700 – won't get impressions
            (c) Facebook Boost - $300

      - Hearts of Glass

- Will need a confirmation from professors soon in order to get it in this semester.
- Trying to connect with MSUM, Concordia and NDSU professors
  - 1 Business professor at Concordia has shown some interest
  - 1 professor from MSUM
- Still looking for professors to participate with classes
  - Please connect with Donna or Katie if you know a professor that would be interested in showing the film to their class.

b) **Transition to Adulthood**

- Transition binders
  - (1) Katie emailed regional special education leaders to see if they'd be interested in a copy of the folder.
    - (a) A good response. So far 3 have replied yes.
    - (b) Will use this as a connection opportunity to see how else we can help their families with transition.
  - (2) Ideas of what should go in them?
    - (a) Check list
    - (b) Resources
    - (c) One-page profile

- Are there conferences or transition fairs to attend?
  - (1) Let Donna and Katie know if you know of one regionally that we could attend.
  - (2) Moorhead has a transition open house with agencies Oct 30
    - (a) Molly with Taps will be there
    - (b) Arc MN-Donna, Marisa and Katie

- Resources

1. Possibly providing financial donation to be used for transition planning for families.
    a. Must go through the school boards so money is used for that specific use.
2. Some schools have policies about sharing outside information, which might be why we struggle getting schools to pass along information.
3. Talked about getting information and resources out MANY ways vs the best way.
    a. Chatbot – would need to contact a tech person, pay for Cloud space
    b. Parents might need the information many times before they are ready to hear it or ready to take action.

- Survey responses
    (1) Transition – 27 responses
        (a) How to address areas of needs?
            (i) Classes or just get information out somehow
    (2) Experienced transition – 6

5) Next Meetings (2 minutes)

a) Need Co-chairs – facilitate & help set agenda for meetings & workgroups

- **Next Meetings:**
    - **October 19th,11-12:30- Statewide Workforce Shortage Meeting**
    - **November 13th, 1-3. Culture of Safety Data Action Group**
    - **Nov. 14th, 6:30-8 - Rethinking Guardianship for Transition Age Young Adults with Disabilities: The Promise of Supported Decision Making**
    - **November 21st, 1:30 - WCRQC meeting** (3rd Tuesday of each month)

Minutes from past meetings.

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Thursday October 19th, 6-7 PM

Starting Conversations Around Employment part 2:

This is part of a monthly meetings series that will discuss employment from a variety of angles. These meetings are a way to learn, meet other families, and discuss employment obstacles and successes. Feel free to come to one, some, or all of the meetings!