

Transition and Employment Committee – February 18th, 2016

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The T&E committee met in January to discuss the strategic plan. We walked through each objective of the plan and are making great strides to ensure that our goals are met for this year. The below listed objectives are what were discussed in the meeting:

- Objective 1.1 is to partner to add links to DUS website and this is being worked on. The T&E committee will find an OU Masters student to create website. Dana Tallon with DSU will create a login for student to access DRS website and create the page to be reviewed before it goes live. Designate committee members to keep up with current information on the website. Brett Jones with DSU could create eye catching graphics for webpage.
- Objective 1.2 is to review the DSU successful closure date for adults and transition aged youth (TAY) to see correlations between in demand occupations. Sandi Wright and Rod VanStavern with DSU have received specifications and parameters and will have this information available hopefully at the next T&E committee meeting. This objective will be met by September 30th, 2016.
- Objective 1.3 is to identify in demand occupations. Sandi Wright and Rod VanStavern with DSU have received specifications and parameters and will have this information available hopefully at the next T&E committee meeting. This objective will be met by September 30th, 2016
- Activity 1 is to invite transition teams. Terrisha Osborn is to get list of active teams who will be able to give a presentation at the ORC quarterly meetings. Activity will be met by 9/30/16.
- Activity 2 is to receive and share Indicator 14 – Post-School Outcome reports provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services with the committee. Rene Axtell will be working with SDE and DSU to get this information to ORC Program Manager. This activity will be met by 9/30/16.
- Activity 3 is that ORC will support participation of OTC. This is ongoing and has been met.
- Activity 4 is to highlight success stories for transition. An employer piece will be developed also. Catchy posters will be made. Both Division Administrators will assist ORC with finding these success stories. Emails have been sent to all Program Managers around the state to let ORC know about their stories that are successful.

- Activity 5 Activity 2 is to receive and share child count data reports provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services with the committee. Rene Axtell will be working with SDE and DSU to get this information to ORC Program Manager. There needs to be very specifics to the request. This activity will be met by 9/30/16.
 - Activity 6 is inviting Workforce Development Board and local youth committee representatives to attend ORC quarterly meetings to report on the efforts made toward employment for persons with disabilities within their region. ORC PM has sent emails to PM's across the state to fulfill each quarter with a different region. Activity is being met.
 - Activity 7 is to develop an instrument to assist DSU consumers to inform them of all disability support organizations in OK. The committee would like to develop one document, double sided with the disability specific organizations by disability category, specifically those listed in the IDEA including Mental Health. The committee will have a Master's program student work on this to gather content intended for the project and then present to the committee members.