

**State Team Meeting
 March 29, 2010**

Those in attendance:

Bilodeau, Bethany	C.O.R.E
Chase, Dee	C.O.R.E
Cocozza, Donna	Region 10 Area Agency
Gallant, Roberta	People First of NH, Individual Employed
Goulet, Dewayne	Individual Employed
Grenier, Danielle	Individual – Transition Age
Hunt, Janet	People First of NH
Johnson, Deanna	Region 10 Area Agency
Kelly, Katie	Institute For Professional Practice
Mills, Tammy	People First of NH, Individual Employed
Shrertha, Yamon	Community Bridges
Skoby, Jan	Bureau of Developmental Services

1. **National Scorecard:** Tammy reviewed the National Alliance For Full Participation Webinar PowerPoint about state scorecards. Janet shared the scorecard with members and together the state team reviewed and responded. Janet will ask Denise Sleeper to help us with responses to #9, #10, #11.
2. **Individual team members experience with employment and current work:**
 - Dewayne: Had a friend who had a job as mail courier. That friend got another job. Dewayne applied for the open position and has been employed now for two years. He loves it, loves meeting people and enjoys getting people in a good mood. Dewayne also works at TJ Maxx: He applied for job. At first the manager didn't respond. TJ called for an interview. Dewayne gave references. His duties include processing shoes – put size and safety tag on them, he works in the backroom to prepare and process shoes before they go out on the floor. Dewayne has been employed at TJ's for two years in August. It is a "carved" position.
 - Danielle: She is a post grad student at Newfound. Danielle is having experience at internships. One is at Petco. She has met a lot of people. Mostly, she stocked shelves and bagged food for homeless animals. Internship is 6 months, for 4 hours a week. Another internship is with Constellation Farm

in Northfield. Danielle has groomed horses, taken out dogs, played around with the chickens, cleaned-out the stalls. Help to steady horses. Challenges: Greeting people. Transportation. Danielle is actively working on an internship at a consignment shop and also a beauty salon as she likes to do nails.

- Roberta – Works every Tuesday at the Bureau of Developmental Services as a Data Entry Operator 1. Roberta has flexible workdays. Her duties include clerical, copying, type, take binders apart and put new pages in. Types-up meeting notes. Roberta also works as a self-advocacy consultant for People First of NH. Her duties include working on survey data, typing notes for board meetings, newsletter, mailing list, copy and mail out minutes. Roberta also presents voter and legislative training to other self-advocates.
- Tammy likes clerical work. Used to work as clerical assistant where she did copying, data entry, light typing, mail runs, supply runs. Job ended 9 years ago. Tammy is also a self-advocacy consultant and mostly works on trainings. Looking into courses at Hadley School For The Blind for business writing. Has a passion for songwriting.

3. State Team Issues To Work On For Next Time

- Scorecard – finish review and define goals
- Goals
- Resource List – abc's to access information for individuals, families, vendors, case managers – To be user-friendly
- Collaboration with other groups – Janet will ask Denise to tell us what other employment committees and workgroups exist and what their activities are.
- Transition Age & Employment
- Transportation
- Education and alternatives

- While we will all contribute, Janet asked Dewayne to explain the steps he has taken to get to where is today with employment . Tammy is to look at options in NH for transportation. Roberta will research alternatives to career education and Danielle will help us understand what it takes for a transition-age student to dream about a career or a job as a young adult and work toward making this come true.

Others who have not completed the resource list can answer the questions listed below and send to Janet by April 20th.

1. List the organizations within the state that you have found helpful to share with others regarding employment. Please give the name and contact information including a link and brief description. For example:

C.O.R.E. Vocational Services Inc.

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<http://www.corevocationalservices.net>

Provides consulting services and training to staff at area agencies, vendor companies, and schools.

2. Do you have ideas for our state team vision and mission? If so, please share.

Next Meeting Date: May 3, 2010, 10:00 – 12:00 Community Bridges, 70 Pembroke Road

You may see updates on our state team work at

<http://peoplefirstofnh.wordpress.com/alliance-for-full-participation-new-hampshire-state-team/>

Or on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Concord-NH/New-Hampshire-State-Alliance-For-Full-Participation/294676710279?ref=nf>

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