

Champaign County Transition Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, November 9, 2018. 1:00 – 2:30 pm Champaign DRS Office - Illinois WorkNet Center
1307 N. Mattis Ave, Champaign, IL

Attendance: Jim Mayer, Janet Eckstein, Beth Hanson, Cassie Alpers, Sheila Krein, Sara Wilham, Michael Bryant, Cathy Luhrsen, Kim Bowdry, Dan Beagles, Mike Crossin, Jamie Stevens, Cindy Lockett, Lisa Schofield, Tyler Schofield, Maggie Yeakel, Kathleen Dowling, Christine Kline, Jerrilyn Boley

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Approval of 09/21/18 TPC meeting minutes

III. Guest Speaker: Jerrilyn Boley (217-278-5663) – DHS/Medicaid Updates

A. General Info.

1. Local Office: 705 N Country Fair Drive, M-F, 8:30am-5pm
2. Main Programs: SNAP, TANF and Medicaid - 27,000 cases in Champaign County
3. Job Fairs- assistance with resumes and job hunting
4. New call center with case workers who can make changes and help people over the phone (217-278-5605). Messages will be returned within a day.

B. Ways to apply

1. ABE- Application Benefits Eligibility (online) www.abe.illinois.gov
2. Can apply over the phone at (800)843-6154. (Phone interviews- 10 days to provide documents after the interview for the application to be processed. Extensions given, if necessary.)
3. In-Person at local DHS Office: 8:30am-5pm, Mon-Fri. (Note: Can request an extension to get all documents in.)

C. What to Expect Once You Apply

1. Persons with disabilities never have to apply in person. 60 days for decision after the application is completed. 45 days for the aged persons and blind.
2. Currently, decisions are being made on average within 30 days.
3. Link cards sent through the mail. Looks like junk mail in a plain white envelope with a Texas return address!
4. SNAP-30 days for the decision
5. Medical records may be needed.
6. Very strict on who they talk to about cases. Have to submit an authorized rep. form.

D. Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities (HBWD) program

1. Small co-pays
2. (800)226-0768 for application or apply at www.abe.illinois.gov
3. For ages 18-64

E. College Students

1. Perkins Grant enrollment (community college). Helps pay for vocational studies.
2. Meets work requirements when applying for SNAP
3. Extra work benefit if SSI recipient (Student Earned Income Exclusion)

IV. Discussion and Follow-up re TPC goals for 2018-2019 school year

- A. **Job Coaching 101:** Repeat session was held Nov 7, 2018 (at RCCSEC - 8 participants)
- B. **Transition Conf. for Youth:** 11/29/18 at Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign. About 150 reservations from schools have been made for students and staff. Waiting to hear from Mahomet, Fisher, and The Pavilion. Speakers and student panel have been firmed up.
- C. **Transition Roundtable:** Updates - set for March 8, 2019 (12pm, Farm Bureau on 801 N. Country Fair Drive, Champaign)
- D. **DisAbility Resource Expo:** March 30, 2019 at The Vineyard Church in Urbana. Ideas to promote Expo: social media, create an event on Facebook, Instagram, school websites, school marquees, yard signs at the schools, tv, radio, billboards- contact Adams Outdoor Advertising (Jamie Stevens will give Jim Mayer contact name), MTD bus signs

V. TPC Meeting Dates: starting at 1:00 p.m.

- a. 9/21/18
- b. 11/9/18
- c. 1/18/19
- d. 3/8/19 (Transition Roundtable - 12:00-1:30pm)
- e. 5/10/19

VI. Add'l Potential speakers for 2018-19:

- a. Jan 18 meeting:
- b. May 10 meeting: idea-possibly PACE regarding training personal assistants (PAs) and personal support workers (PSWs). Contact Jermaine.

VII. Follow-up re: TPC Membership: Potential new members to invite

- A. Kim Spencer, Larkin's Place (YMCA)
- B. CU Able rep.

VII. Announcements/Misc./Adjourn

A. Human Services Board meetings are 1st Thursday of the month from 8:30-10:00 at the Farm Bureau at 801 N Country Fair Drive, Champaign. Anyone is welcome. Many providers

are present.

B. Office of Volunteer Programs- Illini Union: student, Kathleen Dowling. Project to create a website listing re HS students' aspects of transition and their successful experiences. dowling3@illinois.edu or ovp@illinois.edu

C. LEAP Coordinator at DSC, Jamika Smith, will be sending out survey soon, re training opportunities for Employment Specialists and Job Developers.

D. CUSR- Financial Planning Workshop: Jim Thompson, 11/15/18, 5:30-6:30, Hayes Center

E. Community Choices- Future Planning Seminar with Brian Rubin: 11/30/18, 9am-12:30pm. \$10/ Community Choices members, \$40/ parents and families, \$55/ professionals; at Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign, on November 30th. See flyer.)

F. Joint Study Session between Champaign County Mental Health Board and Champaign County Developmental Disability Board, Brookens Center: Lyle Shields Room, focused on Supported Housing (John Fallon): 5:30-7:30pm, 11/28/18

G. Compass Counseling: Jamie Stevens announced that she will be leading a support group for young adults with autism (aged 17-26) starting in January. (See flyer.)