

Parent Mentors of Ohio Council Meeting

January 23, 2014

Phone Conference

Jacqueline Howley, Chairperson

Nancy Holt, co-chair

Elaine Hamilton, recorder

Attended By:

Lee Ann Derugen, Jane Seaton, Jacqueline Howley (chair), Nancy Holt (co-chair), Elaine Hamilton (recorder), Carolyn Head, Mark Lynskey ,Ann Blair, Lisa Lutz, Nikki Herold, Cheri McCullough, Laryssa Beatty, Sandie Cooper, Nancy Banks, Cathy Rundo, Cathy Staton, Patty Hart, Sally Stigall, Tammy Hanger, Nancy Dragan

Jacqueline Howley asked everyone to review minutes from September 16, 2013. Sandy Cooper, Ann Blair, and Cathy Rundo's names were missing from the minutes; Nancy Dragan's name was also misspelled. Lisa Lutz made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, Nancy Holt second the motion, the minutes were approved as corrected.

- **Updates from ODE – Mark Lynskey**

Mark will check with The Director of The Office for Exceptional Children Sue Zake, to find out if she will attend the Spring conference. The Office for Exceptional Children is under going some changes as far as the day to day operations. The goal is to make them more efficient and to have a greater impact for the stakeholders. There are ongoing meetings to outline what the changes will look like.

There 3 new schools with Parent Mentor providers, Mark Lynskey and Carolyn Head will do site visits over the next few months. Upcoming site visits include: Cincinnati Public, Ohio State School for the Deaf, and Princeton City Schools.

- Updates from OCECD- Lee Ann Derugen

The Spring Conference is scheduled for May 7th, 2014 at the Embassy Suites, the Fall Conference dates are October 21st and October 22nd at Cherry Valley Lodge.

Reminder to join the Parent Mentor Facebook Page, friend request to Vicki Deel Lezon for questions contact Vicki Deel Lezon 440-653-3567 or vlezon@npesc.org

Other upcoming Spring Conferences:

OCECD 2014 Regional Spring Conferences

Updated 1/14/14

Thurs., March 20 **Winchester Event- Hal Houseworth**
CONFIRMED Location: Hilltop Designs, 9764 Tri-County Rd.,
 Winchester, Ohio 45697
 “Proactive Strategies and Using Reinforcement to Decrease Challenging Behaviors”

Weds., March 26 **Perrysburg (Toledo area) Event – Dave Meichenbaum**
CONFIRMED Location: Holiday Inn French Quarter
 Save the Date Flyer Created **10630 Freemont Pike, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551**
 “Strategies for Addressing Disruptive Behaviors and Social Skill Difficulties in School and Home”
 Fly into Detroit, 1 hr. 15 min. from Perrysburg (I-75)
 Fly into Cleveland, 1 hr. 51 min. from Perrysburg (I-80)
 Fly into Akron, 2 hrs. 7 min. from Perrysburg (I-80)
 Travel from Perrysburg to Troy, 1 hr. 57 min. (I-75)

Thurs., March 27 **Troy (Dayton area) Event– Dave Meichenbaum**
CONFIRMED Location: Crystal Room, 845 W. Market St., Troy, Ohio 45373
 Save the Date Flyer Created “Strategies for Addressing Disruptive Behaviors and Social Skill Difficulties in School and Home”
 Travel from Troy to Cincinnati, 27 min. (I-75)

Fri., March 28 **Cincinnati Event– Dave Meichenbaum**
CONFIRMED The Vineyard, 11340 Century Circle East, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246
 Save the Date Flyer Created “Strategies for Addressing Disruptive Behaviors and Social Skill Difficulties in School and Home”
 Fly home from Cincinnati

Fri., April 4 **Marietta Event– Dave Meichenbaum**
Possible Location: Washington State Community College, Marietta
 “Strategies for Addressing Disruptive Behaviors and Social Skill Difficulties in School and Home”
 Travel from Marietta to Massillon, 1 hr. 47 min. (I-77)

Sat., April 5
changed)

Massillon SST Event– Dave Meichenbaum (This date cannot be

Fly home from Akron, 38 min. from Massillon (I-77)
Fly home from Cleveland, 1 hr. 4 min. from Massillon (I-77)
Fly home from Columbus, 2 hrs. 7 min. (I-71)

Weds., April 9

Columbus Preschool Event

Possible Location:

Travel to Piketon, 1 hr. 21 min. from Columbus (US-23)

Thurs., April 10

Piketon Event

(8th is also a possibility) Location: Word of Life Fellowship and Miracle Academy, 204 Commercial Blvd., Piketon, Ohio 45613

“Strategies for Addressing Disruptive Behaviors and Social Skill Difficulties in School and Home”

REGIONAL REPORTS

NE Regional Report: Parent Mentor’s from the NE Region are asking that we keep them in our prayers, they have had a number of folks in their area with serious illness and a death. Teresa Karsnak’s sister has been diagnosed with kidney cancer, and PM Raychelle Fair’s husband passed way unexpectedly.

At their last meeting updates from SST region 4 was discussed as well as the SPDG grant project in the Lake County area.

NW Regional Report: Last meeting was in December that included networking and a small Christmas Party. February 4th Sue Beck from OCALI is scheduled to speak about Employment First and Transition of Youth. Sandy Britner is scheduled to do a training called Journey into Adulthood at the NW ESC. SST Region 1 will continue to work on the Transition Expo that is scheduled for April 28th thru May 2nd. Author and Poet Le Derrick Horne will perform during the Expo. Other training locations include; Owens College, and Nisonger Art Center.

EC Regional Report: Cheri McCullough would like to thank everyone for supporting the CSI students from her region during the Fall conference. Cheri stated that the students really enjoyed speaking to everyone that came up to the table. Their last meeting was on November the 14th they discussed Rolling Hills, Brook School was chosen for the SPDG, also On Dec. 13th at 10am Cheri and the Autism support group that she supports sponsored a sensory friendly film, “Frozen” at the local theater. The Autism Support Group pays for the outing; the schools provide busing, teachers and aides. Cheri organized and advertised the annual event project

and Stacey worked with Linda Patterson from SST 12 the project.

Central Regional Report: Ronni Bowyer and Nancy Banks hosted our November 7th regional meeting where Sue Beck from OCALI with an overview of Employment First state level activity and an overview of work they are doing specific to transition age youth on behalf of Employment First. On December 12th we had a holiday lunch meeting where Joe Farry from SST 11 shared the Insider Monthly Newsletter and booklet sponsored by Ohio Department of Education and OCALI on What to Do When Your Child Exhibits Dangerous Behavior. Marilyn Van Gilder sent flyers with Laura Kaplan to be shared “Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?” Training hosted by Worthington City Schools on January 23, 2014. Our next Regional meeting is on February 13, where community supports will be the discussion with Carolynn Head.

SE Regional Report: The next regional meeting is scheduled for later today 1/23/2014, Cyndy Bogdanoff was hired to replace Faith Harkins in Vinton County. The Athens County PM will be leaving at the end of January 2014. The next regional meeting is scheduled for March 26th. There was a request for clarification regarding notification when an OCECD staff person attends a meeting when there is a parent mentor working in that district or county. Lee Ann clarified by stating that the parent would submit a written request to have someone from OCECD come out instead of the parent mentor that is assigned to that district, and that the parent mentor would be notified prior to the meeting. Jacqueline Howley suggested that we verify if someone states that they are working as an Advocate from OCECD, because there are folks out there misrepresenting themselves.

Midwest Regional Report: The last regional meeting was on January 15th where Child Guidance Training was discussed they spoke about a sand table that was used to get dialog going between the child and the therapist. Kelly Butler will host a transition seminar on January 28th. Future regional meetings will include a panel from DD with information on writing a good transition plan. The last regional meeting they will have Gary Tonks from The ARC of Ohio speaking on “What’s new in Ohio”. There was a question about having a district rep join the skills and knowledge committee.

SW Regional Report: Last meeting was on November 14th 2013, Scott Osterfeld the Coordinator of Community Outreach for Butler County DDS presented on:

1. “Making a Difference, The Art of Community Connecting”
2. “Dealing with Difficult People”

Upcoming events: SST-10 Regional Transition Fair – Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Next meeting is February 13, 2014 at Kettering – hosted by Ann and Susan.

NC Regional Reports: Last meeting was on November 8th at The Apple Store where they had a two hour training on iPads and the apps that students with disabilities could utilize. The next meeting will be on January 31st where Sue Beck will speak about Employment First.

Committee Reports

Archive: Last meeting was on October 13th where albums were prepared for the Fall conference. The next meeting will be in the Spring, please send any photos of your events to the Archive committee members or post them on the Parent Mentor Facebook page. The Archive committee is always looking for new committee members; if you are interested please contact Cheri McCullough.

Mentor Support: Finished the activity at the Fall conference, and received great reviews. The next meeting will be a phone conference date TBD.

PR: The power point received great feedback, the parent mentors are looking forward to utilizing it in their districts. All of the updates have been finalized; the PR committee will distribute the final version soon.

Skills & Knowledge: Skills and Knowledge Committee has a phone conference scheduled for next week.

- **Current/Old Business**

PMO Guidelines were reviewed and discussed, up the review Carolynn Head suggested that we make a correction to Article VII Section B number 5, the correction is that the PDP certificates should be mailed or emailed. The word faxed will be removed. Ann Blair made a motion to approve the PMO Guidelines as corrected, Lisa Lutz was the second. The PMO Guidelines were approved by a unanimous vote.

- **New Business**

Social Media session at the Spring Conference.

Article XI Section E number 4 of the PMO Guidelines will read Each Region will be represented at (3) council meetings/conference calls by one or the other council member in that region.

A motion was made by Nancy Holt to accept the changes Patty Hart was the second. The changes to Article XI Section E number 4 were approved by a unanimous vote.

The next PM Council meeting will be a phone conference on April 29th, 2014

Lisa Lutz made a motion to adjourn the meeting Nancy Banks was the second.