**DDAWNY Transition Committee**

**Date:** November 20, 2015 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** The WAY Program at BVS, 790 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218

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| **Items** | **NOTES** |
| **Welcome*** Introductions
 | Facilitator: Jim ScuttNote taker: Jennifer Zolnowski |
| **Guest Speaker** | Topic: Using Technology to Address Mental Health in School Transition Speaker: Sharon Cavanaugh, Baker Victory Services* Discussed the role of OT in transition
* OT helps students attain skills, resources and knowledge
* Students use Weebly to build websites; acquire and develop skills
* Create a web-based transition portfolio
* Engages student in process; gives them ownness
* Students learn about technology and how to use it
* Helps students prepare for life after high school
* Baker Victory Services the WAY Program can offer schools hands-on learning and worksites for work-based learning experiences
* Website for this program: [www.way2transition.org](http://www.way2transition.org)
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| **Updates*** ACCES-VR
* NYS Comm. for the Blind
* CCDA
* WNYIL
* Parent Network
* RSE-TASC
* Others
 | **ACCES-VR*** All services within a contract with ACCES-VR can be useful for youth
* CRS to be re-done and will include new services and increased payments for services
* New RFPs for youth are on the website

**NYS Commission for the Blind*** Offer employment services and supported employment

**CCDA*** College Night took place on 10/22/15; attendance was down, possibly due to a major concert in Buffalo on the same night.
* The Saturday morning event was cancelled due to lack of registration; possible alternatives were brainstormed
* Spring training to be offered for professionals

**WNYIL*** Offers many different services
* Have a housing specialist and employment specialist through a BIP grant; grant goes until 2017
* Housing specialist assists with transition to housing from group home, nursing home or other assisted living situation
* Employment specialist can present to all districts about services they offer

**Parent Network*** Updates have been made to the website – events and workshops can be searched by county, topic, etc.
* Working on WebEx and audio only presentations that will/can be recorded so they can be accessed at a later date
* Will share other events on their website; just send your flyers to Tonya: tlw@parentnetworkwny.org
* Encourage families to appeal denials; it can take a few tries to get approval

**RSE-TASC*** Transition groups meet in all regions
* Resource manual has been updated and is available online
* Per the Fed, a Level I assessment is done at age 12; Level I assessments too basic; use name of assessment when doing it
* Transition assessment training is coming up at Erie 1 BOCES
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| **Next Meeting**  | **DATE/TIME:** January 15, 2016; 9:00 a.m.**LOCATION:** St. Mary’s School for the Deaf, 2253 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214 |