**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 Scutt  Note 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) |
| **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](mailto: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 |
| **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 |