**DDAWNY Transition Committee**

**Date:** April 15, 2016 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Aspire of WNY, 2356 N. Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068

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| **Items** | **NOTES** |
| **Welcome**   * Introductions | Facilitators: Jim Scutt & Paula Kerber  Note taker: Jennifer Zolnowski |
| **Guest Speakers**  Toni Sullivan – Aspire, Cantalician Center, Kristie Edwards – Heritage Centers Renee Zimmerman – People Inc | Topic: Panel on Community Pre-Vocational Programs   * Panelists discussed changes that have taken place in their programs since last May. * All programs have experienced growth over the last year * Community pre-vocational services are not done through the schools * Individuals get a maximum of 30 hours per week of community pre-voc services; services can be with multiple programs; key is to find the right fit/combination for that person; agencies need to work together to make sure person is not going over the max hours for the day/week * Pathways to Employment is different from pre-voc; a wrap-around service; one-time program over 270 hours or 1 year; based on individual interest; focus on what job/environment is right for that person; assessment/self-discovery/career exploration |
| **Updates**   * ACCES-VR * NYSCB * CCDA * ILC * OPWDD * OMH * NYSRA * Parent Network * RSE-TASC * Others | ACCES-VR   * The Career College and Occupational Trades Fair was successful; save the date for next year March 30, 2017   NYSCB   * Summer programs are almost full * New program starting called the Pre-Voc Tech program, looks at how technology relates to job readiness   CCDA   * Spring trainings were very successful; survey will be sent out re: future conference topics * College Night will be at UB Center for Tomorrow on October 19, 2016   OPWDD   * There will be a transformation/changes to the Front Door information sessions; more details to follow * Person Centered Planning – it is important to document need for service; Front Door is a needs-based program * New phone numbers; Stephanie McLean Beathly: 608-2732   NYSRA   * The next Transition Age Youth Institute will be in September 2016   Parent Network   * See the attached flyer for information about the next Parent Leadership program * There will be a transition conference in the southern tier held April 29th at the Chautauqua Institute; registration fee is just $25 and includes conference, breakfast and lunch * The agency is always available to speak with families, especially those who may need a little extra help   Regional Special Education-Technical Assistance Support Center (RSE-TASC)   * Many changes have taken place in Albany; full scale leadership change for special education * There will be a training in May on the Blueprint for Success for Students with Disabilities * The exit summary is a critical piece of documentation for OPWDD Front Door; make sure you are clear on the level of independence and/or types of supports students need * See attached handout re: changes to graduation requirements; hope is to have fewer dropping out or receiving CDOS only |
| **Next Meeting** | **DATE/TIME:** May 20th - 9:00 a.m.  **LOCATION:** Erie 1 BOCES, Room A-1, 355 Harlem Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224  **TOPIC:** TBD |