

Provider Partnership Network
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Riverside Developmental Disabilities
1625 Troy Sidney Rd.
Troy, OH 45373

- I. **Direct Support Professional Recruitment (Sharon Emerick, Riverside)**
 - A. Recruitment of Direct Support Professionals (DSP)
 - Primary focus in 2018 to help providers campaign and market the DSP position via advertising and other means available
 - With the help of WestCon we can address the recruitment concerns as a region
 - Westcon can assist by working with people to get through initial certifications and qualifications; can also filter applications to narrow the field of qualified individuals

- II. **The Academy Training (Sharon Emerick, Riverside)**
 - A. Training is key to help with retention and a higher standard of service provision
 - Riverside currently offers certain trainings to assist providers including: CPR, First Aid, CPI, Medication Administration
 - Sharon and Becky Snell met with Deb Easley at The Academy Training in Xenia and discussed recruitment efforts
 - The Academy offers quality customized trainings for agencies and staff
 - B. Riverside training center
 - Riverside plans to have a training center available in June/July 2018 to help providers with training needs
 - Provider agencies have been a competitive industry in the past
 - This will not be a competition among providers but a campaign valuable to all of us helping those we serve
 - Focus is to assist all providers with hiring and retention of qualified individuals

- III. **RT Industries Information (Ashley Brocius, RT Industries)**
 - A. All providers have the same goals
 - Community integration
 - Socialization
 - Volunteering

- Community employment
- Vocational training
- B. Pushback from the community
 - Involving individuals in the community is creating some pushback from different organizations because provider agencies are attempting to do the same thing at the same time which could limit future integration
- C. Providers working together
 - RT Industries would like to propose to providers the option to work together on community integration, socialization, job support and volunteering opportunities
 - This could include day habs as well as residential services
 - Contact Ashley Brocius at RT Industries if you are interested in this initiative

IV. Provider Updates

- A. Mark Schlater (Toward Independence)
 - Working with OPRA for two years on DSP Ohio campaign
 - Awareness is the key for the DSP
 - TI may be able to help you with some advertising needs
 - Commercials advertising the DSP professional launched the weekend of January 27
 - More information available on the DSPOhio website www.dspohio.org
 - Mark shared details of the new TI day hab facility that recently opened and its various connections to the community
 - Check out the Nonprofit Collaborative at www.mvnonprofitcollaborative.org
 - Good training for first time supervisors
 - Inexpensive training
 - Large training center and individuals can participate
 - Expand your day hab services available to individuals
 - Connection to other resources located inside the facility
 - Check out One Bistro restaurant in Xenia
 - Shared video of individuals working at the restaurant

V. Questions/Comments

- A. Troy Chamber of Commerce flyer (Career Day)
 - February 23, 2018 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. for students
 - Held at Edison State Community College
 - Free for chamber members
 - Target high school students graduating

- B. SSA (Ben Battista, Riverside)
 - Providers are invited to meet with SSAs
 - SSAs can also help make connections to assist in getting services started for individuals
- C. DD Awareness Open House (Melissa Nichols, Riverside)
 - March 1, 2018
 - Riverside gym from 1 p.m.–3 p.m.
 - Contact Melissa Nichols if you would like to reserve a table for your agency; have your table set-up completed by 12:30 p.m.
- D. Advertising (Melissa Nichols, Riverside)
 - Feel free to ask us to post things on our website that will help your agency (photos, radio ads, other advertisements)
- E. Brian Green updates
 - Update on Riverside renovation project
 - Renovations will begin in March 2018
 - Riverside training center ready by June 2018
 - Training
 - Executive team rolling out more holistic approach to training for DSPs, families, individuals, advocates
 - Using Life Course tools
 - Using technology to enhance training
 - Ensuring training is person-centered based
 - Focus on trainings needed for everyone

VI. Next PPN Meeting

- Thursday, April 26, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
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