

**Superintendent's District Advisory Panel
For
Exceptional Student Education
Transition Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023
11:00 am**

Members Present

Brenda Lampon
Giselle Mendieta
Maria Ratti
Alicia Walford
Silvia Calderon

Leylani Cardoso
Diana Abril
Lisa Freidman-Chavez
Enrique Escallon
Valerie Zenni

Diane Adream
Maria Henao

Members Not Present

Beverly Heller

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Ms. Brenda Lampon.

Welcome and Introductions

- Ms. Brenda Lampon welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.
- All individuals present introduced themselves.

Purpose of Subcommittee

- Purpose of subcommittee was reviewed and the following were discussed as possible topics of discussion and goals to be considered for this school year.
 - ✓ Leylani Cardoso introduced Integration and Employment as a topic for consideration.
 - ✓ Alicia Walford presented information on the In-Person workshops that they will be holding with middle schools that are also Title 1

schools with a high ESE population. She shared a Youtube video to watch named "Working Works."

- ✓ Lisa Freidman-Chavez presented information on Project 10-Transition Education Network and all of the initiatives and support they offer.
- ✓ Enrique Escallon introduced the consideration for health and rehab for post high school students to assist them in getting ready for work. He discussed Truist's Financial Program for Individuals with Disabilities and how employment and learning how to manage your money is important.
- ✓ Diane Adream discussed how UM CARD can provide short term technical assistance for individuals and can provide training for employers. They partner with the De Moya Foundation. For all long term goals (coaching) they refer to VR.
- ✓ Brenda Lampon discussed their partnership with the De Moya Foundation.

Recruitment of Members

- Ms. Ratti expressed her interest in exploring the Chamber of Commerce of different cities in order to invite them to participate in our meetings.
- It was discussed that we could invite the De Moya Foundation to the meetings as well.

Discuss/Set Goals

- Discussion of possible goals for this school year took place.
 - ✓ Options and Training for Employment-The development of Self-Advocacy, reminding employers of how great hiring individuals with disabilities can be, and opportunities for employment in local businesses and organizations for individuals with disabilities.
 - ✓ Financial Literacy-How to help individuals with disabilities learn to manage their money.
 - ✓ Health and Rehab-How do we prepare individuals for employment through health and rehab.

- Brenda Lampon and Giselle Mendieta will draft possible goal options based on the topics discussed and suggestions provided by the members. These goals will be emailed to all members for review and approval.
- Dates for future meetings will be emailed to all members for review and approval.

Meeting concluded at 12:00 pm.