



**Education** - Teresa compiled the following questions regarding the IEP diploma and these questions will be addressed at tomorrow's Health & Human Services committee meeting to Ms. Eileen Taylor, VESID.

- 1) What is the status of the VESID committee regarding the proposed framework for NYS High School exiting credentials?
- 2) Specifically – What is the status of the consideration to do away with the IEP Diploma?
- 3) What is the status of the development of a new exiting credential for academic and career skills?
- 4) Will both the IEP and Career exit criteria be merged into one credential or be kept separate?
- 5) Will the credential retain the title of “Diploma”?

Teresa spoke a little about Medicaid and Education training for all relevant employees and the stumbling blocks the districts are facing because the regulations that came out are retroactive Sept 2009. Everything the districts would have claimed from Sept 2009 all the way through now needs to be on a referral. All the school districts will be losing a lot of money which was budgeted for programming, and if they claim anything they will probably be the first district to be audited.

**Housing** - Vacant

**Legislation** - Vacant

**Transportation** – Kevin from SCDPW had nothing new to report.

**Employment** – Donna Passin was excused.

#### **COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:**

**Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services** - Frank reported that he attended a reception at Gracie Mansion yesterday in NYC to help celebrate the anniversary of ADA. Awards are given to people from agencies that have been helpful to people with disabilities. It's a good opportunity to speak to other people who are working on the same kind of issues.

**Suffolk County Parks** - Terry was excused.

**S. C. Department of Social Services** – Linda had nothing new to report.

**S. C. Office of Public Information** – Debbie was excused.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**S.C.Department of Health/Division of Children with Special Health Care Needs** – Barbara reported that a transition workshop is planned for 9/28/10 for children who are aging out of preschool and conference for Early Intervention and Preschool providers is scheduled for 11/4/10. They have a keynote speaker coming up from Florida who handles a lot family centered training.

Barbara also reported that the Early Childhood Direction Center of Suffolk which they have worked closely with over the last couple of years did not get their contract renewed. The Nassau and Suffolk County programs have been combined and it's called the Long Island Early Childhood Direction Center and will be the contact point for people who have concerns for children birth to age five. Carolyn Gammerman is the name of the person who is running the program now.

Barbara also added that 9 people in her department are retiring including the Director, the Director's secretary and a Supervisor.

**S.C. Department of Public Works/Transportation Division** - John retired.

**S.C. Human Rights Commission** – James reported that one of the investigators in his department had a case where a person lived in a senior community which offered bus service as common charges but the buses weren't handicapped accessible. The woman tried to get it changed but was unsuccessful so she contacted Suffolk County Human Rights Commission and starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> they have a new bus company coming in which has handicapped accessible buses.

**S.C. Community Development** – Joseph was excused.

**S.C. Library System** – Valerie was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT:** James made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lew seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. **The next meeting will be held on September 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference room, Building 158, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge.**

Respectfully submitted,

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