



**Community of Practice
for Supporting Families of Individuals
with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities**

Technology Committee
Proposed Minutes

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2014

12-2PM

Willimantic Assisted Technology Center
872 Main St. Willimantic CT

Attendance:, Arlene Lugo, CT Tech ACT, Robin Wood, DDS, Amy Blazawski, DDS, Larissa Gionfriddo MARC, Elissa Velardo, Vinfen, CT, Robert Smith DDS, Beverne Cordner DDS. Katie Hanley Oakhill NEAT, Lara NL ARC, Josh Scalora DDS Cres Secchiaroli DDS , Ashley Lavoie, Chris Blake COP , Jennifer Lortie at Tech Act, Chet fisher NETS, Kathy Bobenski-parent Susan Klick DDS IT, Carlos Colon People first CT, Self-Advocate, Siobhan Morgan DDS

Good News and Congratulations!

Chris got a job at Sarah Tuxis working as an advocate on political legislative issues for self-advocates.

Brain storming about Tech Act devices for the future;

Medication devices House sensors-stove alarm

XBOX new one Sengstrix

Send out information Database uses and health benefit or cost or other equipment

Adaptive furniture Cost and benefit NEAT

Robin to send out information:

PPT in the home mods for people with challenging behaviors/environment

Use of head gaze or smart IOS 8 update

Demo by Ashley on Xbox Connect system exercise programs available WII demo health-

Josh Eyegaze to work with IPAD GOOD video library

To explore for future

App sign language

Community energizers

Robin shared notice board that was developed by six year old- highlights importance of community involvement.

Discussion Items:

- New members
- Review of last meeting minutes
- Committee member updates
- IPAD presentation- Amy Blazawski
- Goals and Action Plan- next steps
- OTHER

New members:

Review of last meeting minutes:

Reviewed minutes

Need anyone interested to chair the meetings going forward please let Robin know who you think might be interested

Committee Member Updates:

- Action item: The next issue of Direct to Families will share information on the technology demo sites. Direct to families week of 6/2 out to families Available on DDS website

- Action Item: Robin will create an expanded demonstration list with the AT Meriden site added in. Robin will invite vendors to a future Tech Committee meeting.

Goals and action plans:

Next meeting we will discuss: Measurable steps to reach our goals and finding people we need to meet the goal.

Needs volunteers

Lifespan general population community energizer- Robin and Susan

- Pre/post Survey for family- Siobhan/ Susan Josh Carlos
- Family friendly packet- Ashley/ Beverne, Susan Chet Elissa and Arlene
- Tech Idol - videos about technology Larissa, Lara Chris, Jen, Kathy Josh
- Tech jobs for consumers/ self-advocates- Arlene, Chris, Ashley Beverne Larissa Cathy
- Bill of Rights Campaign- regarding technology Chris Cres Amy

Groups need to meet or communicate before August meeting and report group chair or lead

Next meeting will be: August 2014

Check with Assistive Technology in Meriden send out a notice to figure out best date.

Discussion about main group and work groups regarding video conferencing- agreement was reached:
Alternating between community and video conferencing.

Minutes Submitted by Siobhan Morgan

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