

**Technology Committee
Community of Practice
October 31, 2014**

- Reviewed and accepted previous meeting minutes
- Meetings will occur every month. Every other meeting will occur in Wallingford. Alternate months will be a field trip

Tuesday afternoons (try to stay 3rd Tuesday of month)

- December 16th 1-3pm; afternoon better
- January 27th 1-3pm (*Note- conflicts occurred for the 1/13 date.)
- February 17th
- March 17th
- April 21st
- May 19th
- June 6th

December –

January – Wallingford

February – iPad – Neat Marketplace

March – Wallingford

April – Waterbury (Not yet confirmed)

May – Wallingford

June – Stratford (not yet confirmed)

- Community of Practice Booth went well
 - Questions were asked but the people manning the booth did not always have the answers; will need more info
 - o What did we not know answers to
 - People using equip & eyes
 - How equip is funded
 - Costs of products
- You-tube videos were well received
 - o List of videos – will forward document to the group
 - o Introductory blurb – missing and will be added
- Synergistics info went quickly – people gathered lots of info
- Tons of positive feedback
- Kudos to all those who helped make it successful
- Sharon Lewis keynote – excellent link on DDS website; Joan video-taped it – kudos; more radical than anything said at DDS – she's up there in president's ear
- *National Community of Practice*
 - Brochure created – liked so much that they created a template for all states to use

- Spanish – send to John Tierney (use proper Spanish – not any dialects)
- Sub committee's peer mentoring/hiring position
 - Vern drafted job description – union members upset
 - It sits at HR at this time
- Tech idol video
 - Myra last meeting send stories to Amy – looking for a budget of video
 - Handed out people using technology (5 cases)
 - No releases – may not participate
 - Life Line was huge in order to provide health and safety without limiting activities. This allowed him his freedom. Not intrusive/not stigmatizing
- Amy Blazawski
 - One family got grant for technology. Emergency contact device
- Pam talked about Henry, Peter, Mavell – using technology to live more independently
- Tech act – not a sub-committee (Arlene)
 - Putting together major technology center for smart home technology center – one-stop center – over next 60 days
 - Long standing assisted technology smart home tech library - can sometimes borrow it and try it out
 - Can make inexpensive DVDs to do small You-tube clips on disc we can mail to families – may not be legal
 - Many pieces public domain it can be all hosted on website – print fewer then have website access
 - Bruce can help committee do this
- Laura's group doing success stories!
- Information dissemination with Susan haven't met in awhile
 - Chris reported getting a list – survey what was the best way to give out information – best way to send it out
- Campaign – “Technology Rights”
 - Chris reported it was three pages and now it is one; Chris will e-mail what words need to be changed
- Funding
 - Robin working with neat employ tech group
 - Take recommendation to DDS
 - Want DDS to be model technology organization
 - Talk about rights
 - Supporting tech over life span
 - Recommendations
 - If tech is not there, have vendors change tech to address new issues/gaps
 - Assessment piece
 - How do you determine what to use
 - Neat marketplace loan program is fantastic way to try
- Elise happy to be part of review group

- Road shows for DDS staff
 - Siobhan/Robin/Pat D will be doing them over the next several months
 - Break-out sessions and information will need help to man booths for this road trip
- DD Council leading planning family supports conference
 - October 2/3
 - Molly Cole doing planning celebrating IDEA/ADA

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Fields