MA Commission for the Blind

**VISIONS OF COLLABORATION**

*Navigating the Road to Pre-Employment Transition Services for Students with Visual Impairments*

May 24, 2018

Holiday Inn and Suites of Marlborough

265 Lakeside Ave, Marlborough, MA

7:30 - 8:00 **Registration**

8:00 - 9:00 **Networking and Continental Breakfast**

**Regional Collaboration**

Seating suggested by regional location.

**Question Box**: Participants can submit questions to be addressed by end of the day.

9:00 - 9:30 **Welcome** and Around the room introductions  
MA Commission for the Blind (MCB)

Casey Hall, Director of Training

**Opening Remarks**

MCB Commissioner Paul Saner

9:30 – 10:30 **Panel Presentation:** **Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) for Students with Visual Impairments**

MCB Pre-ETS Program Providers

Six Program Providers

*Moderator:* Casey Hall, Director of Training

(5 minutes to present, 5 minutes for Q & A)

*Panel Members:*

* Carroll Center for the Blind

Dina Rosenbaum, M.Ed., Chief Program Officer

* Lowell Association for the Blind

Elizabeth M. Cannon, Executive Director

* Our Space, Our Place

Cheryl Cumings, Founder/Executive Director

* Partners for Youth with Disabilities

Jake DeMasi, Mentoring Specialist

* Perkins School for the Blind

Teri Turgeon, Education Director, Community Programs

* The POLUS Center for Social & Economic Development, Inc.

Theresa E. Kane, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:00 **MCB: Overview of Programs and Services**

John Oliveira, Deputy Commissioner

11:00-11:45 **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE): The Secondary Transition Planning Process**

*Moderator:* Martha Daigle, Education Specialist and Family Engagement Coordinator in the Special Educations Planning and Policy Office, DESE

*Presenter:* Amanda Green, Education Specialist and Secondary Transition Coordinator in the Special Educations Planning and Policy Office, DESE

11:45 - 1:00 **Working Lunch**

*Moderator:* Casey Hall, Director of Training

**Networking & Opportunity to visit the Exhibitor Tables** of the Pre-Employment Service Program Providers and MCB Program Staff

1:00 – 1:45 **Panel Presentation:** **Parents Post-Secondary Transition Services, Life’s Lessons**

*Moderator:* Mayanne McDonald-Briggs, MCB Transition Counselor

Special Education from a parent’s perspective.

*Panel Members:*

Eunice Groak

1:45 – 2: 30 **Panel Presentation:** **Students Post-Secondary Transition Services, Life’s Lessons**

*Moderator:* Alan White, MCB Greater Boston Regional Director

Special Education from a High School/College student’s perspective.

*Panel Members:*

Harry Clark

Mikayla M. Kenneway

Matthew Shifrin

2:00 Cookies and drinks

2:30 – 3:00 **MCB Panel for Question Box Q & A**

*Moderator:* Billy O’Neill, Transition Counselor

*MCB Panel:*

James Badger, Rehabilitation Teaching

Lesli Baker, Supervisor Deaf-Blind Extended Supports Unit (DBES)

Dahalia Jackson, Children’s Social Workers

Dahlia James, Transition Counselor

Alexander Pooler, Director of Assistive Technology

Meg Robertson, Director of O & M

Alan White, Regional Director, VR Services

3:00 - 3:15 **Closing**

Program Evaluation and CEU distribution

Casey Hall, MCB Director of Training

**Lobby Area Exhibitor Tables:**

Pre-Employment Transition Service Providers

**In-Room Exhibitor Table**

MCB Program Staff

**CEUs**

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