



Camden County
Workforce Development Board
Supporting the Development and Retention of a World Class Workforce

Gregg T. DeBaere, Chair
 Jeffrey S. Swartz, Executive Director

ABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Members		Meeting Dates							
		14-Jul	11-Aug	1-Sep	10-Nov	12-Jan	9-Feb	8-Mar	12-Apr
Maggio, Jim CHAIR	TFG/Judge Group			X					
Abrams, Barbara	Jewish Family & Children Service of Southern NJ						X	X	X
Bowman, Cynthia	Shoprite								
Cipolla, Joe	Jewish Employment and Vocational Services					X	X	X	X
Davis, Anthony	Mental Services of Southwestern New Jersey	X	X			X	X	X	
Deitz, Jeffery	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	X			X	X	X		X
Forman, Lois	Independent Rehabilitation Jewish Family & Children Svcs		X	X		X	X	X	
Geoffrey, Taylor	NJ DOL DVOP								X
Gismonde, Bernadette	Camden County College						X		
Kinzey, Joann	Camden County College				X				
Lombardo, Rick	Target Stores	X							
Lope, Krista	NJ Division of Vocational and Rehabilitation Services		X					X	
Lucas, Angela	Jewish Employment and Vocational Services		X	X	X	X		X	
Monturano, Melanie	Camden County College								
Newman, Jason	NJ DOL DVOP								X
Panzatelli, Joseph	Camden County College								
Perez, Irene	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services								
Pollard, Sheila	Camden County DVRS								
Stettler, Mark	T & M Associates					X			
Tumolillo, Terry	Voice Print		X						
Waltz, Julie	ARC of Camden County				X				
Wesley, Allen	ARI								
Swartz, Jeffrey S., Exec. Director	WDB	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Cruz, Wanda	WDB	X	X	X	X				
Naroden, Eric	WDB Intern								
Primas, Theo	WDB								
Stubblefield, Lelia	WDB					X	X	X	X
Williams, Leslie	WDB								
Guest									
Antonakakis, Stavros	Stamton Chapel Insurance Associates					X			
Luzi, Domic	Rightside Labs					X			

WELCOME

Jeffrey Swartz welcomed attendees and new members Jason Newson and Geoffrey Taylor from NJDOL DVOP in Jim Maggio's absence.

EVENT DISCUSSION

- Joe informed members he has contacted Ernest Dias, Managing Director from CAI to invite him to speak at the event. Joe is waiting to hear from Mr. Dias HR personnel to inform him what dates Mr. Dias would be available.
- Jeff told members he received information from Carol Dann to invite Jennifer Hoheisel, Coordinator of Autism Initiative from Camden County College to speak at the event. Barbara said Jennifer has a son who is autistic and she will contact her to see if she is available. Barbara added our focus is also on individuals on the spectrum demonstrating success working in the Information Technology (IT) field as well as Autism and invite employers to the event who have IT needs.
- Barbara informed members she has contacted the Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health (CNNH) to secure a clinician to speak on the panel. Barbara also has a Job Coach from the Ark of Philadelphia and Will Hoheisel to participate in the event. Joe will contact Dan Rotten from Hopeworks located in Camden, NJ and invite him to attend the event as well. Jeffery Deitz added he will contact contractors he works with through the Schedule "A" event.
- The committee discussed scheduling the event in the fall if speakers cannot be obtained by June. The tentative event date will be October 14, 2016. Lelia will contact Jim Maggio and informed him of the new tentative event date. Lelia will also change the SAVE-THE-DATE event flyer. Barbara will verify if the Jewish Federation building will be available on October 14, 2016.
- Lelia will continue to reach out to Dominic Luzi and Stavros Antonakakis to invite them to attend the Abilities meetings. Barbara will also contact Dominic and Stavros and invite them to participate in the event and attend the Abilities meetings as well.
- Jeffery Deitz referenced engaging Target Corporation. Leslie will contact Rick Lombardo who works for Target to attend the Abilities meetings.
- The committee discussed contacting existing attendees to attend the event.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Jeffery Deitz informed members on May 19, 2016 a job fair will be held at the Camden County Correctional Facility. Jeffery said DVRS visits with inmates and informed them of services DVRS offers and services that are offered in the community. DVRS also does mock interviews with the inmates. Jeffery added DVRS partners with Goodwill for the job fair. Jeffery also mentioned the Schedule "A" event will be in December and a Transition Conference is scheduled for October 7, 2016 at Camden County College.

Barbara told members Soups and Sweets program will begin May 16, 2016 and looking for potential trainees. A culinary program is open for registration and Project Search Conference is scheduled for April 13, 2016.

Joe thanked Jeff for inviting JEVS to visit the Youth One-Stop. The Youth One-Stop provided Joe with ideas to implement at their One-Stop.

Jason Newson said the Veteran Business Representatives will be attending the job fair and over 130 employers will participate in the job fair.

Jeff asked members to decide the meeting location for the Abilities Committee meetings. Members agreed the meetings will be held at CCWDB office in Cherry Hill, NJ.

EVENT OVERVIEW

- The Abilities Committee will host “Dispelling the Myths: Hiring Persons with Autism” event jointly with the Literacy Committee.
- The event will be re-scheduled to October 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Jewish Federation Annex Building in Cherry Hill, NJ.
- Panel discussion will consist of a Clinician, employers and an employee.
- Jim Maggio, Chair of the Abilities Committee will be the moderator.
- Soups and Sweets will cater the event.
- Re-invite previous attendees to the event.

NEXT MEETING

The next Abilities Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the Camden County Workforce Development Board Office.

Submitted by,

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