



**Joint Essex County & Newark WIB  
Disability Committee/ Workforce Investment Board**

50 South Clinton Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
East Orange, NJ 07018

**Minutes : December 7th, 2016**

<b>Barnes, Ashley Salley</b>	<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>Goodwin, Fajr Salaan</b>	<b>Catholic Charities</b>
<b>Bell-Taylor, Kelli</b>	<b>NWDB</b>	<b>Grant, Francis</b>	<b>DIAL Inc.</b>
<b>Bleckman, Sandra</b>	<b>RHT North</b>	<b>Schaeffer, Janine</b>	<b>ECWDB</b>
<b>Bundy, Melody</b>	<b>NJTIP</b>	<b>Simmons, Lisa</b>	<b>JVS</b>
<b>Davis, Elizabeth A.</b>	<b>DVR</b>	<b>Shulman, Rebecca</b>	<b>Goodwill</b>
<b>Fornoff, Robert</b>	<b>ECOD</b>	<b>Weiss, Howard</b>	<b>ECWDB</b>

**Minutes from the last meeting October 5th were approved.**

**Announcements**

Howard stated that the Commissioner Wirths has moved on to the Parole Board and the new commissioner is Aaron Fichtner.

**Meeting Schedule for 2017:** 2/14/2017 12:30PM lunch meeting @McLoone's Boathouse Restaurant then on to see other locations. Howard to see if there is a prefix menu – everyone would have to pay their own. The purpose is to visit The Atrium, Mayfair Farms.

The remaining meetings for the year are scheduled as follows: 4/18/2017 2PM, 6/6/2017 2PM, \*\*6/15/2017 Disability Event, 8/15/2017 2PM, 10/17/17 2PM, 12/12/17 2PM.

Howard stated that co-enrollment starts in July. The numbers will increase dramatically that are enrolled in WIOA and will cause a massive increase to those being data entered into AOSOS system.

Rebecca distributed some introductory materials/ orientation for new Board members with a description of the Workforce Development Board and the various committees, and she requested that Howard send her a description of the Welfare to Work Committee to be included. She also requested a list of achievements of each committee.

Howard and Davetta are still working on dates for the disability training.

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### **2017 Employer Recognition Event**

The group is looking at Nanina's, The Atrium and Mayfair Farms for the June 15<sup>th</sup> event.

There was discussion about talking to Davetta to see if there was any money left from last year's event in order to use that for the down payment.

Rebecca stated that she needs to reach out to Kristin LaFaso to see if WFC will be contributing to the event.

Melody is working on a letter to send to previous winners to look for donations for the 2017 event. Melody is also working on a proposal for different levels of sponsorship for the event. It was agreed that the final letter would have to be on Newark WDB's letterhead. Rebecca asked if this letter can be completed by the end of the month. Francis Grant offered to reach out to PSE&G in regards to funding.

Rebecca asked if either of the WDB's had funding available. Janine suggested that they could send a letter out soliciting the private business members of the WDBs looking for donations.

Rebecca will be sending out the form and asking for nominations after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and the discussion was to have a deadline of Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. She suggested that it be sent out to WDB members. This committee has already agreed that we will consider employers physically located outside of Essex County if they employ residents of Essex County.

Also it was decided not to do an online registration because of all the problems last year. We discussed having Barbara send out the invite. Then Sandra suggested Constant Contact and then she volunteered to handle the invites and print the badges.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for February 14th, 2017 at 12:30 am at McLoone's Boathouse**

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