



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

50 South Clinton Street, 4th Floor
East Orange, NJ 07018

Minutes : February 14, 2017

Barnes, Ashley Salley	Catholic Charities	Katz, Elaine	Kessler
Beckford, Jasmyne	Newark WDB	Quinones, Ana Jimenez	PASR
Bleckman, Sandra	RHT North	Rampersant, Michelle	JESPY
Bundy, Melody	NJTIP/ Rutgers	Sakhu, Qadrice	PHP
Crean, Lindey	ENABLE	Schaeffer, Janine	EC WDB
Davis, Elizabeth A.	DVR	Shulman, Rebecca	Goodwill
DeSalas, ISsa	ENABLE	Slates, Robert	JESPY
Fiore, Lisa	Goodwill Ind.	Weiss, Howard	ECWDB
Goodwin, Fajr Salaan	Catholic Charities		

Rebecca greeted everyone and since there were some new people at this meeting introductions were made.

Announcements

Howard stated that there is one important issue regarding vendors in the State of New Jersey. The approval of non-profit schools that offer training used to be approved under section 531 by the NJLWD Department. Effective immediately those organizations that do not have approval by the Dept of Education or another state agency must get approval now. Those organizations must send the application in with the fee by May 2nd or the One Stop will no longer be able to fund those agencies. Howard stated that they are upset that the state did this especially in the middle of the year. The feeling at the moment is that those students who are currently enrolled will be allowed to continue until the end of the program year which is June 30th. There is also a bonding component as well to the application. Everyone who is on the State list was supposed to have been notified of this change.

2017 Employer Recognition Event

This meeting was held at McLoone's restaurant in order to plan for the Employer Recognition Event and to visit a couple of the sites that are under consideration for hosting the event. Sites visited include The Atrium located on Eagle Rock Avenue in West Orange and Mayfair Farms, also on Eagle Rock Avenue in West Orange.

Rebecca stated that as of today there have been no submissions in order to nominate employers for the event. The original deadline was February 24th. She stated that if anyone has an employer who has gone above and beyond in the case of hiring those with disabilities to please submit a nomination. The requirement that the employer be physically located in Essex County is now waived as long as the employer employs folks who live in Essex County.

We are also looking for sponsors for the event. Rebecca stated that a smaller group will be getting together for organizing this event and contact her if you are interested in helping out.

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 18th, 2016 at 2:00 am at Goodwill Industries in Harrison.

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