



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

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

**Minutes : April 18, 2017**

<b>Bleckman, Sandra</b>	<b>RHT North</b>	<b>Porter, Stephanie</b>	<b>Newark Works</b>
<b>Davis, James D.</b>	<b>Office for the Disabled</b>	<b>Schaeffer, Janine</b>	<b>EC WDB</b>
<b>Davis, Elizabeth A.</b>	<b>DVR</b>	<b>Shulman, Rebecca</b>	<b>Goodwill</b>
<b>Fiore, Lisa</b>	<b>Goodwill Ind.</b>	<b>Weiss, Howard</b>	<b>ECWDB</b>

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

**Update:**

Howard stated that the co-enrollment has been put on hold. There is a pretty significant restructuring going on in Trenton. Howard Miller who was overseeing literacy is moving to another area.

**2017 Employer Recognition Event:**

The date for the event has been changed in order to coincide with Amina's schedule. The sub-committee has agreed on having the event at Mayfair Farms in West Orange on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was agreed that an email be sent to our entire committee notifying them of the date change to the 29<sup>th</sup>. Kirk Lew has agreed to return to the Disability Committee and deliver the keynote address. We will be informing him and Elaine Katz of the date change.

There was discussion about the actual invitation. "The Newark Municipal Council" was added. The "Save the Date" will be going out through Eventbrite.

There are two definite awardees and one tentative. Goodwill Industries, Richard's Manufacturing (nominated by JESPY). The possible third is Prudential but they have not gotten back to Rebecca. Janine said there was another that had gone out by email, and it was looked up and determined that Melody had nominated Floyd Hall Arena.

This year we received a grant from Kessler in the amount of \$3000. Last year we had a total of \$5000 so we are a bit short of what we had last year. The group is putting a solicitation letter together to send to the WDBs. Once the letter is finalized with Sam and Amina's signatures it will be sent to Davetta & Howard for distribution to the WDBs. Sandra stated that the Halal Guys will sponsor at the \$250. Level.

**Announcements:**

James Davis stated that they are in the process of organizing a wheelchair basketball game for October and will share info as event is firmed up.

Sandra will not be at the next meeting because she is going to Disney training on employee engagement and how to retain your staff.

**The Next Subcommittee Meeting for the Event is May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:00 am at Goodwill Industries in Harrison.**

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