



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

50 South Clinton Street, 4th Floor
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Minutes : June 6, 2017

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Davis, Elizabeth A.	DVR	Schaeffer, Janine	EC WDB
Faulk, Michele Rampersant	Jespy House	Shulman, Rebecca	Goodwill
Fiore, Lisa	Goodwill Ind.	Slater, Robert	Jespy House
Lane, Davetta	NWDB	Simmons, Lisa	JVS
Porter, Stephany	Newark Works	Weiss, Howard	ECWDB

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

Minutes from last meeting in April was approved.

Update:

Howard stated that the co-enrollment is still on hold and it will be put in writing. The state plan included the co-enrollment plan but it will be a lot of work. There is a pretty significant restructuring going on in Trenton. Rebecca stated that Brian Fitzgibbons, the Asst. Director and has announced his retirement. It was also announced that Alan Ficktner has been confirmed as the Labor Commissioner. As of next week, Rebecca Shulman will be leaving Goodwill Industries and returning to JVS. So for the next meeting there is an option of going to JVS offices in Livingston.

2017 Employer Recognition Event:

Our Employer Recognition Event is scheduled for June 29th, 2017 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Sandra, who couldn't make today's meeting, did receive the paper invitations and Rebecca passed a sample around. Kirk Lew has agreed to return to the Disability Committee and deliver the keynote address.

Kessler Institute is still our major sponsor but they did give the committee less money to operate with this year. Newark WDB has agreed to contribute to the event. As a result of this we will need to limit the number of attendees. We estimated that eighty (80) would be our limit. Staff at the One-Stops are being limited as well.

Everything is being done through Constant Contact and everyone needs to be entered in there so name tags can be printed. Davetta mentioned that there should be two (2) reserved tables. Davetta is going to ask Rahman Muhammad, Deputy Major be put on the agenda. Rebecca stated that there are three (3) employers that will be honored: Richard's Manufacturing, Floyd Hall Arena and Goodwill Ind. Rebecca has ordered the awards and they will be ready on time.

Howard stated he was going to ask Sam to contribute some funds to the event. He also stated that Deborah Collins might be the speaker for Essex County. Rebecca and Elizabeth will welcome everyone.

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The Disability Event subcommittee should have one more meeting before the event in order to finalize the agenda. Kirk Lew will be returning in order to give the key note address. He now works for the Federal Office of Disability Employment Policy.

The group decided to put off the One Stop Training and development of an employer presentation until after the Employer Event.

There was a discussion about the procurement process of the One Stop Operator and how WIOA states that Operator should be in place on July 1st. Essex County will not be making this time table.

Announcements:

Lisa Fiore stated that Goodwill Industries will be selling the building in Harrison. They will also be closing some stores in NYC. As of now they do not know where they will be moving to. They are looking to re align with their core values and will be letting go of programs that are not aligned with their core.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Oct 17th, 2017

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