



**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 17, 2018**

<b>LaCon, Lisa</b>	<b>BMI</b>	<b>Sakhu, Qadriyyah</b>	<b>PHPIN</b>
<b>Makely, Greg</b>	<b>FRN</b>	<b>Salaan-Goodwin, Fajr</b>	<b>CCANNJ</b>
<b>McLilly, Elizabeth</b>	<b>DVRS</b>	<b>Schaeffer, Janine</b>	<b>EC WDB</b>
<b>Rampersent Faulk, Michelle</b>	<b>JESPY House</b>	<b>Shulman, Rebecca</b>	<b>JVS</b>
		<b>Weiss, Howard</b>	<b>ECWDB</b>

Prior to this committee meeting the group participated in training through George Washington University on TCTAC.

Rebecca stated that Goodwill closed down the traditional workshop program and now they are only doing community employment services, vocational assessment and supported employment. The store is still open but they have a lot of space in the building because the school moved out. They are looking to eventually sell the building and move to other space.

Minutes from last meeting in January were approved.

**WDB update**

Howard stated that the new Assistant Commissioner is Hugh Bailey, who came from the Philadelphia One-Stop. Both top people at the Department of Labor have experience with employment training programs and WIOA and there is no learning curve with both already understanding the problems and issues. Sam Okparaeke is still the WDB Director, and is now the Director of Small Business & Affirmative Action as well as being an Assistant County Administrator. Next Monday there is an open house for the Small Business & Affirmative Action office at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center in Branch Brook Park.

Howard also stated that Michael Andreas, the Executive Director of JVS did get approved by the Freeholder Board to serve on the Essex County WDB. The Board is up to full complement of members.

There was a question about whether the group got in touch with the Rotary to do presentations. Howard stated that Sam has additional staff members and now they are going to Chambers of Commerce events. Rebecca stated that maybe we can invite some of them to our meetings. Janine stated that maybe Amanze should come to a Disability meeting in order to coordinate somethings with the Chambers.

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### **Employer Recognition Event**

Rebecca stated she discussed briefly with Elaine Katz, from Kessler who has donated toward the cost of the event in prior years. They are willing to donate again but the amount will likely be less than last year. Howard stated that the date has been changed to October 18<sup>th</sup>. Howard stated that Mayfair was going to hold the pricing from last year. Last year, the numbers were capped at 85 and if we have less money this year we will likely have to cap it lower. It was discussed that at the next meeting we should disseminate the nomination form. She stated that they would like to have three or four employers to receive awards as well as a success story.

**Note: There will be a bridges out of poverty training offered June 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and is intended for One-Stop staff to attend.**

**Also, there will be a TCTAC meeting prior to the scheduled meeting below at 1:30pm**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2018 at 2pm at JVS**

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