



Joint Newark & Essex County Welfare to Work Committee
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
50 S. Clinton Street, East Orange, NJ
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jasmyne Beckford, Kelli Bell-Taylor, Allyson Carvajal, Ida Chimbay, Ethel Gilbert, Angela High, Dominick Manzo, Betty Mirda, Julius Montford, Miriam Rodriguez, Janine Schaeffer, Shevon Hercules, David Weiner and Howard Weiss.

Meeting Called to Order, Co-Chairpersons, David Weiner

David Weiner called the meeting to order. A roundtable roll call was conducted to introduce all meeting attendees.

David presented a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. September 12, 2017 minutes were reviewed and approved by Ethel Gilbert and seconded by Mary High. The minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

Essex County Welfare to Work Contracts, Julius Montford

Howard provided the committee with a Matrix Summary Julius advised the TANF population is not what it used to be.

Allocation-Howard Weiss

Howard advised he and Alleshka will include the allocation along with RFP summary they will be providing in the next meeting.

Report by NJDFD-Dominick Manzo

Dominick advised total TANF case load in Essex County is twenty-four hundred; state wide total number of TANF cases is thirteen thousand. Per Dominick numbers are dropping because people are getting jobs, time limits, supplemental work support, some cases are closed or sanctioned off after three months. Dominick will provide a chart showing number of new applicants and reasons why numbers are decreasing in the next meeting. Case management allocation will be on a county calendar year starting 2018 (Jan.1-Dec.31) as advised per Dominick.

Activity Report for PY 2016- Howard Weiss

Howard provided with a detailed end year report for WTW Program Training. The report indicates the amount of funding that was awarded, the contract amount, total encumbered and unencumbered, and the agency that was awarded the money under what funding, total slots awarded, enrolled and job placement and/or advancement.

Reduction in SNAP Benefits

Angela High advised that 4 states were affected in the reduction of SNAP benefits, federal change and \$2.00 reduction depending on how many household members. David advised that the four states with SNAP benefits reduction, their respective governors chose not to allow any money towards HEA so they may be eligible for full food stamps.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2018.