



**Joint Essex County & Newark WDB
Disability Committee/ Workforce Investment Board
50 South Clinton Street, 4th Floor
East Orange, NJ 07018**

Minutes : August 21, 2018

Atin-Shark, Joy	CSV	Gerson, Amanda	CBVI
Bell-Taylor, Kelli	NWDB	Katz, Elaine	Kessler Foundation
Beckford, Jasmyne	NWDB	McLilly, Elizabeth	DVRS
Bleckman, Sandra	RHT TN	Rampersant-Faulk, Michele	JESPY House
Bundy, Melody	NJTIP/ Rutgers	Schaeffer, Janine	EC WDB
Davis, James	EC Office of Disabled	Shulman, Rebecca	JVS
Fiore, Lisa	Goodwill	Walsh, John	Project E3
		Weiss, Howard	ECWDB

First part of meeting was a conference call with DJ Ralston from George Washington University on TCTAC.

TCTAC

There was discussion about the response to the “Bridges out of Poverty” training and the feedback was very positive. There was a comment about the Thursday group being more interactive and asking more questions than the Friday group.

The next scheduled training is the intersection of disability and poverty and originally it was scheduled for two (2) separate days. This really drills down into disability and poverty and how they are inextricably linked and takes a look at specific interventions. This training has been modified into a 2 ½ hour training session instead of an entire day session and will be held on November 15th. There was discussion about where to have the training and no location has been decided on.

The Disability Employer Recognition Event is scheduled for October 29th, and the next meeting date needs to be changed to October 9th.

Minutes from last meeting in June were approved.

WDB Update

Howard stated that we need to go through the process of certifying the board and the One-Stop. The state has increased the length of time for the One-Stop Operator contract and it looks like the plan has been modified to a four (4) year contract instead of a two (2) year one. In the past if three (3) or four (4) partners agreed who the operator was that was good enough. Under WIOA you are required to go through an independent competitive

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selection process. In Essex County there was only one (1) proposal submitted by Essex County and was approved. In New Jersey there were three (3) for profit entities that won the bid to be a One-Stop Operator.

Rebecca stated that at this point the hiring freeze has been lifted for DVR so they are able to bring in statewide twenty (20) counselors statewide, so referrals will start to flow again. Elizabeth stated that she already has one new person and anticipates getting another. Rebecca stated that there are also a few manager positions they will be looking to fill.

Employer Recognition Event

The Employer Recognition Event was re-scheduled to October 29th at Mayfair Farms. Kessler Foundation offered a grant of \$2000. towards the event. Howard stated that Newark has indicated that they will not be able to contribute any money this year. The Essex County WDB is expected to contribute \$1000. Rebecca asked everyone to confirm this.

Last year we had capped the number of attendees at eighty (80), and we will be doing the same this year.

Currently the form is being distributed for nominating an employer. The employer does not need to be in Essex County but should employ residents of Essex County.

There is going to be a smaller committee to organize the Employer Recognition Event that will consist of Elizabeth, Sandra, Melody, Elaine, Janine & Howard.

This year we are going to reduce the number of printed invitations.

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2018 at 2:00pm at JVS

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