

Disabilities Services Committee  
MS Teams Meeting  
January 25, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Disabilities Services Committee was held Tuesday, January 25, 2022 via Teams. Those in attendance were:

**Attendance:** Elizabeth Reed, April Friant, Dave Grennon, Tiffany Gonzalez, Leslie Long, Pamela Comerford, Norma Cordeiro, Jody Classen, Jennifer Veneziani, Lani Allen-Davis

**Staff:** Allison Spinelli, Cindy Angelo

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Approval of Minutes**

Dave Grennon opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 11:01a.m. Dave read the Open Public Meeting Act and Mission Statement. He requested a motion to approve the minutes from October 2021. Motion made by Jody Classen. Seconded by Norma Cordeiro. All in favor, motion approved with one abstention (J. Veneziani).

**II. NJDOLWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

- **Cumberland/Salem**
  - Jody reported they are operating on a hybrid work schedule; increased in referrals; services are remote unless an appointment is needed.
- **Cape May**
  - Norma reported they are operating on a hybrid work schedule; virtual services with some in-person appointments outside; fully staffed; somewhat low referrals but expecting increase soon.

**III. Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Offices of the Disabled**

- **Cumberland**
  - Dave reported offices are still closed walk-in services but can make appointments as needed; NJDHS Division of Disability Services list-serve, communication weekly, includes employment information – call 888-285-3036 to get added to distribution.
  - Electronic newsletter for Resource NJ Care Givers of NJ: njcaregivers.org or 877-265-6360
- **Salem**
  - April reported that staff are in the office providing virtual services; can take appointment if necessary
- **Cape May** – not present to report

**IV. Other Reports**

- Leslie Long reported employment activities are ongoing; starting to work with youth; agency falls under the Executive Order requiring vaccination (employment staff are not included); actively hiring; PT recreation coordinator opening (evening hours); looking for 8,000 sq. ft. for headquarters.
- Jennifer Veneziani reporting that she will be leaving Vocational Rehabilitation to take a position in Temporary Disability.

**V. Old/New Business**

None reported.

**VI. Adjournment**

Dave requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Leslie Long. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The meeting ended at 11:23 a.m.