



Disabilities Services Committee
Luciano Conference Center
January 28, 2020

Minutes

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape Disabilities Services Committee was held on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020** at 11 a.m. in the Luciano Conference Center.

ATTENDANCE: Dave Grennon, Tammy Wilkerson, Anne Garrison, Katie Czajkowski, Marva Ferguson, Michael Pavesi, Betty Myers

PUBLIC: None

STAFF: Allison Spinelli, Ginger Supernavage, Cindy Angelo

HANDOUTS: Salem County Department of Health Legal Talks, Salem County Office on Aging Senior Scoop, Cumberland County Office on Aging & Disabled Golden Agenda, Rowan College SJ ACT Information Session Flyer and Employment First Flyer

I. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Approval of Minutes

Dave Grennon opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 11:02 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Dave read the Open Public Meeting Act and Mission Statement. He requested a motion to approve the minutes from October 2019. Motion made by Anne Garrison. Seconded by Marva Ferguson. All in favor, motion approved.

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

○ **Cumberland/Salem**

Marva reported we are still short staffed. Counselor position has been posted. Karen Carroll is the new agency director. There is an NGO from DOL for a summer internship grant for Youth 16-24. The summer program for 2019 was successful but don't have the final employment numbers yet.

○ **Cape May**

Not in attendance

III. **Cumberland/Salem Offices of the Disabled – Director Reports**

○ **Cumberland**

Dave distributed a copy of the most recent newsletter which contains fact and figures regarding Medicare. The income guidelines for one of the most popular programs, Pharmacy Assistance, have gone up. Facing the Future program sponsored by Rutgers and the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities is happening in March. Kessler Foundation has employment grants. Deadline is February. Dave is in charge of two personal and assistance care programs. These help people with disabilities with everyday tasks.

- **Salem**
Betty Myers reported there is a new director in that office.
- **Cape May**
Not in attendance.

IV. Other Reports

Tammy Wilkerson reported they are awaiting approval from DVR for students to start Pre-ETS program. Grant for paid summer internships will enable students 16-24 to experience work at a community-based employer for 6 weeks during the summer. Internships will be 15-20 hrs. per week and pay is minimum wage or above.

Marva would like to have more people from Cumberland and Salem counties apply for this grant.

Alli spoke about the handout from Rowan College SJ regarding the Adult Center for Transition. This program serves individuals with disabilities coming out of high school who don't have a plan. It will run on a semester basis and give them the college experience. Program will start in September with two classes of ten students each. They will meet one day a week. Please share this information as they are trying to fill the class. The cost is \$750 but she is trying to find resources to help pay.

Mike reported he had a program similar to this partnering with Shop Rite for structured learning experience. Marva commented this program is on the College campus so that those in program feel included.

Mike Pavesi – Salem County Special Services School District – Mike is working on a program dealing with students with behavior problems. They attend Daretown School in Elmer and he is trying to create a program where they can choose different paths (employment, college). Would like anyone who has resources on how to fill out college applications and SATs please share with him. Cindy suggested he come to the Partners' meeting to network with other agencies. Alli will check with staff to see what tools they are using.

V. Old/New Business

No old business. New business – a new staff member will take over scheduling meetings and taking minutes. She will be at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Dave requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Anne Garrison, Second Cindy Angleo. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The meeting ended at 11:25 a.m.