



Disabilities Services Committee  
Luciano Conference Center  
July 23, 2019

## Minutes

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape Disabilities Services Committee was held on **Tuesday, July 23, 2019** at 11 a.m. in the Luciano Conference Center.

**ATTENDANCE:** Marikay Green, David Grennon, Betsy Reed, Tammy Wilkerson, Anne Garrison, Anna Pasquale, Norma Cordeiro, Marva Ferguson, Michael Pavesi, Mike Barnes, Jen Veneziani, Thomas Brown, Elizabeth Satterfield

**PUBLIC:** None

**STAFF:** Allison Spinelli, Ginger Supernavage

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

Dave Grennon opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 11:22 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Dave read the Open Public Meeting Act and the mission statement. Dave requested a motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

April 24, 2018 - Motion made by Norma Corderio, Seconded by Jennifer Veneziani

October 23, 2018 – Motion made by Marva Ferguson, Seconded by Dave Grennon

January 14, 2019 – Motion made by Jennifer Veneziani, Seconded by Mary Kay Green

April 23, 2019 – Motion made by Mary Kay Green, Seconded by Tammy Wilkerson

All motions were approved

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

#### ○ **Cumberland/Salem**

Marva reported it is business as usual. They are short-staffed and she is working as Acting Manager. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DVR will be in October. More information will be given as it gets closer. She is in Salem every other Friday and Cumberland One Stop every Thursday.

Jennifer told the group about a \$2.2 million grant for Summer Intern Program. Mercer County will hold a hiring event. They are partnering with Citizen Bank's diversity team.

- **Cape May**  
Norma reported they are fully staffed. They are collaborating with Jersey Cape's internship program. They will be participating in the 100-year anniversary of DVRS.

Dave asked the group if the worker shortage in NJ has caught up with anyone. Are people looking for workers with disabilities to fill the short-fall? Alli said employers are looking at all populations. There are many more incumbent worker programs.

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

- **Cumberland**  
Dave showed the group a copy of DHS NJ Resources Guide. You can take-a-look at the book online or call 1-888-285-3036 and ask for a copy. Dave expressed a concern for clients without air conditioning. Cumberland County has a list of cooling centers such as the county library, senior centers, mall. Those who don't have transportation can contact CATS. Cumberland County's Disability Awareness Day will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. He will send flyer to the group.
- **Salem**  
Marikay reported Paul Aronsohn, Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities, put out a survey. If you are interested in completing the survey, please let her know. Salem County's Disability Awareness Day is on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Riverview in Pennsville. We are in the process of registering vendors.
- **Cape May**  
Not in attendance

### **IV. Other Reports**

Allison reported our modified 2016-20 Plan has been submitted to the SETC. She thanked everyone who had a part in the meetings. The Workforce Development Board will be taking action to approve the Plan at the next Board meeting. For the first time in 10 years we will be having a Summer Youth Employment Program. This is a pilot program and five counties have been selected. In Cumberland 80 students will be employed working a maximum of 210 hours with one day each week for professional development.

Mike Barnes talked to the group about the Community College Opportunity Grant. Anyone in Atlantic or Cape May County whose household income is less than \$65,000 would get college for free. This works well with disabled students who would have no college debt. Students do have to apply for FAFSA. Mike doesn't believe housing is included in this grant. Alli said that with the merger of Rowan GC and Cumberland County College into Rowan SJ students can live at Rowan and pay the community college rate.

Dave gave information on the Personal Assistance Service Program. All counties are looking to include on their caseloads individuals with disabilities who are working or going to school. To be eligible for this program person must have a physical disability and have personal care needs such as help with eating, dressing or transportation.

**V. Old/New Business**

No old or new business to report

**VI. Adjournment**

Dave requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Tammy Wilkerson, Second Betsy Reed. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.