



Meeting of the Cumberland Salem Cape May Workforce Development Board
Luciano Conference Center
3322 College Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360
July 11, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Cumberland Salem Cape May Workforce Development Board was held Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the Luciano Conference Center. Those in attendance were:

Workforce Development Board Members:

Andrew Bulakowsky, Bert Lopez, Betsy Reed, Cheryl Golden, Dawn Hunter, Donna Groome, Ed Geletka, Erich Florentine, Gary Green, Hugh McCaffery, Kathy Lockbaum, Marva Ferguson, Kim Ayers, Leslie Gimeno, Louis Joyce, Melissa Niles, Pat Harrison, Tom Wysocki

Guests:

Anthony Chiesa, Carlton Koonce, Catherine Carroll, Chris Oney, Dr. Frederick Keating, Kerri Gatling, Terreny Robinson

Public:

Anne Garrison, Nancy Ridgway

Staff:

Allison Spinelli, Christy DiLeonardo, Ginger Supernavage

Freeholders:

Darlene Barber

Handouts:

PY 18-19 vs PY 19-20 WIOA – WFNJ Allocations, PY 18-19 Financial Status Report, PY 18 WIOA Preliminary Performance Report

I. Welcome/Opening Remarks

Bert Lopez opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and read the Open Public Meeting Act. The meeting began at 12:09 p.m. Bert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting. Kathy Lockbaum made the motion, Second by Dawn Hunter. All in favor, minutes approved.

II. Presentation – Rowan College South Jersey

Dr. Fred Keating, President Rowan College SJ, was introduced and gave an overview of the benefits of the merger between Cumberland and Gloucester County Colleges. On July 1st a ten-year partnership agreement with Rowan University was signed. Students will be able to take advantage of a 3 + 1 partnership which will make earning a bachelor's degree more affordable by allowing students to complete their first three years at the community college cost and their final year at the university rate. We are trying to keep this population here. Once students leave the state, they don't return. This lessens the potential workforce. We are a residential county college. Rowan College SJ is affordable and accessible. With Rowan Choice students can live at Rowan and go to school here. Certificate programs are as valuable as degree programs. Those involved in trades can get their AA in business. Dr. Keating applauded leadership for merging both counties. Christy DiLeonardo asked if there were any conversations about transportation. Dr. Keating said they are looking at a shuttle that would run down Route 55 twice a day.

III. Presentation – NJ Industry Partnerships

Kerri Gatling spoke to the Board about regional industry partnerships. These partnerships will facilitate public-private collaborations to meet workforce and economic challenges. They will bring together business leaders from similar sectors to discuss their workforce needs and resolve concerns. The Department of Labor will be listening instead of leading. The goal will be to grow jobs and connect people with jobs. Employers are struggling to find local talent.

Next Generation Sector Partnerships are partnerships of businesses, from the same industry and in a shared labor market region, who work with education, workforce development, economic development and community organizations to address the workforce and needs of a targeted industry.

There was some concern from the Board that this has been tried in the past and didn't work.

Communication of success stories and lack of time for businesses to attend meetings was discussed among Board members. Kerri told the group this initiative is modeled in other states and is working.

IV. PY 2019-20 Local Area Allocations

Allison informed the Board they would be taking action on approving the preliminary budget for PY 19-20. She went through a comparison of funding for PY 18-19 and PY 19-20. WIOA received an increase of 26.31%. Funding for WFNJ is level in all three counties. Atlantic City Electric (ACE) funding was used to supplement grants. The Board may be asked to request additional funding for WFNJ programs. The budget doesn't include 20% carry over.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Preliminary Budget PY 19-20

Bert requested a motion to approve the preliminary budget for PY 19-20. The motion was made by Lou Joyce, Second by Hugh McCaffery. All in favor, motion approved.

V. New Business

PY 18-19 Expenditure Report

Allison explained the PY 18-19 Financial Status Report shows expenditures through May 2019. We are in the process of preparing our June report. 100% of WFNJ and 80% of WIOA funding has been obligated or expended.

PY 18-19 WIOA Performance

Allison reported, as evidenced by the WIOA Preliminary Performance Report, we are not the only area struggling to meet some performance measures. We are still in an implementation year so there are no sanctions. This is not a final report. DOL is cleaning up data.

VI. Old Business

Update on ACE Program

Allison explained this grant assisted us in supporting CDL-B training in Cape May County and Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Program in Cumberland County. Salem County recently finished testing those who took WISE/GIE training. Re-testing is happening on campus tonight for those who didn't pass. Industry partners are going through the hiring process and three individuals have been hired. An industry hiring event will take place between now and the end of the year for those who have not been hired.

One Stop Facilitator Update

Allison reported due to an increase in funding this will now be a full-time position. She is hopeful this position will be filled by the end of the month and that a Partners' meeting can be scheduled for August.

Allison announced that Anthony Chiesa was retiring as LWD Manager for Cumberland County. She thanked him for participating on the WDB and for all the work he's done.

VII. Adjournment

Bert requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Gary Green, Second by Hugh McCaffery. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.