



Disabilities Services Committee
Cumberland County College Luciano Conference Center
April 23, 2019

Draft Minutes

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

ATTENDANCE: Betsy Reed, Marva Ferguson, Norma Cordeiro, Pam Comerford

PUBLIC: Elizabeth Satterfield, Marikay Green, Denise Taguwa, Tammy Wilkerson, Jessica Schelling, Anne Garrison, Anna Pasquale

STAFF: Allison Spinelli, Brian Langdon

HANDOUTS:

No handouts were provided

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

Allison Spinelli opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 11:26am. Allison read the Open Public Meeting Act. Due to a lack of quorum the minutes were tabled.

II. NJDOLWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

○ **Cumberland/Salem**

Marva Ferguson reported that it is business as usual. They have a new counselor on staff. Marva informed the group about a grant for summer internships for In School Youth that they applied for. They are waiting for it to be approved. It is a 6-week program.

○ **Cape May**

Norma Cordeiro reported that they are fully staffed. Norma mentioned the trial work experience program they used to run, of which Jersey Cape used to be a vendor. Anne Garrison informed Norma that two individuals on their staff are still certified. Anne told Norma that she will have Joe Sittineri reach out to her. Norma informed the group that she has students who are college bound but are low in ESL. ESL classes are only being held in Atlantic City and transportation is an issue for them. Elizabeth Satterfield

informed Norma that there will be ESL courses provided by Cape May Tech in the summer. Classes will be held at the One-Stop.

III. Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Offices on Aging & Disabled – Director Reports

○ **Cumberland**

Not in attendance for reports

○ **Salem**

Marikay Green informed the group that May is Old Americans Month. Programs will be held throughout the month. They recently started a new program for grandparents who are caregivers to their grandchildren. This program provides activities for them to take part in. They are also hosting group legal talks, which are presentations on legal matters for seniors. Marikay informed the group that at a Supportive Housing Conference she found that employers are more interested in hiring individuals with disabilities because of the low unemployment rate.

○ **Cape May**

Not in attendance for reports

IV. Other Reports

No other reports were given at this time.

V. Old/New Business

No old or new business was discussed.

VI. Adjournment

Allison requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Marva Ferguson, Second by Betsy Reed. The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.