



Disabilities Services Committee  
Center for Workforce & Economic Development  
Business Resource Center  
January 14, 2019

## Minutes

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem/Cape Disabilities Services Committee was held on **Monday, January 14, 2019** at 10 a.m. in the Business Resource Center at the Center for Workforce & Economic Development.

**ATTENDANCE:** Dave Grennon, Jennifer Veneziani, Marva Ferguson, Melissa Niles

**PUBLIC:** Anne Garrison, Denise Taguwa, Elizabeth Satterfield, MariKay Green, Pam Comerford

**STAFF:** Allison Spinelli, Brian Langdon

### **HANDOUTS:**

Facing the Future 27: Playbook for Employment Gold, CATS: Bus Transportation for Cumberland County Residents, New Jersey Earned Sick Leave Notice of Employee Rights, GOLDEN AGEnda Volume 49, Number 4

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

Dave Grennon opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. Dave read the Open Public Meeting Act and the mission statement. Introductions were made around the room and Dave gave out the handouts. Due to a lack of quorum the minutes were tabled.

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

##### **o Cumberland/Salem**

Marva Ferguson informed the group that she is short staffed, but they are looking to be on track. She is hoping to hire a new counselor soon.

##### **o Cape May**

Jennifer Veneziani informed the group that Gloucester County has been hiring individuals from Cumberland County. She is happy with the partnership that has been cultivated. Transportation continues to be an issue for individuals looking for work.

Jennifer will be attending the New Jersey COST Meeting. She will be a part of sales force training.

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

○ **Cumberland**

No reports were given at this time

○ **Salem**

MariKay Green gave an update of their services. They are having success with their programs.

○ **Cape May**

*Not in attendance for reports*

**IV. Other Reports**

Allison Spinelli gave a Workforce Development Board report. She informed the group of the recent Workforce Development Board Recertification. The Workforce Development Board currently has a Satisfactory status from the SETC. Allison will be meeting with the State on Modification Process. Allison informed the group about the Atlantic City Electric Grant, which is a 6-year program. The low unemployment rate was discussed. There are currently more jobs than there are individuals to fill the jobs available.

**V. Old/New Business**

There was no Old Business at this time. Pam Comerford informed the group that Salem has been instructing clients who come in for cash assistance and are GA caretakers to take advantage of the MLTSS program, so they can be paid while taking care of a loved one. Pam reported that they are having success with this. MariKay informed Pam that her counselors can refer their clients to her at the same time as Patrick because the process will be faster.

Jennifer informed the group that she will be meeting with Joe Dombroski to give a presentation on what DVR does. She would be happy to share this with the group.

**VI. Adjournment**

Dave requested a motion to adjourn. Motion by Pam Comerford, Second by MariKay Green.