

Disabilities Service Committee

Center for Workforce & Economic Development 3322 College Drive, Vineland April 22, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Approved during the July 22, 2025 meeting

A meeting of the Disabilities Service Committee was held was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Center for Workforce & Economic Development.

Attendance: Chuck Nagel, Elizabeth Reed, Emma Curry, Jennifer Clark, Katie Czajkowski, Kimberly Quigley, Maribel Bermudez, Nicole Sikking, Rachael Wilson

Staff: Amanda Barnes, April Gomez, Cindy Angelo

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

April Gomez welcomed all members and thanked them for coming. The meeting began at 11:02 am, starting with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Act.

II. Approval of Minutes

April requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 meeting.

2025 January 28 Minutes

1st Emma Curry 2nd Kimberly Quigley Vote passes

III. NJDOLWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Cumberland/Salem
Katie Czajkowski – Hired a new counselor. The internship is still running for students with disabilities that are in school and are still accepting referrals.

Cape May
Rachael Wilson – Business as usual. Maybe taking on interns starting in September.

IV. Cumberland/Salem/Cape May Offices on Aging & Disabled

- Cumberland Not present
- Salem

Jennifer Clark – Had their Spring Hop yesterday for seniors and disabled. Had about 100 attendees. They are preparing for their big annual Disabilities Awareness and Resource Day coming in the Fall. Will have a "Save the Date" flyer once finalized.

Cape May
Not Present

V. Adult Services – St. John of God Community Services

Kimberly Quigley – Still looking for Employment Specialists but has one onboarding that will be able to be present in Salem County. Also has someone for Cumberland.

Looking for food resources like food banks in Cumberland or Salem for her to refer clients to.

Opened discussion regarding the budget cuts to agencies occurring. \$3.4 million is being cut and will be attending the budget hearing in Trenton to push support for DSP wages increase.

VI. Other Reports

Nicole Sikking – Attending on behalf of the Ark of Cumberland. They cover Cumberland, Gloucester, Atlantic, and Cape May County. Attended the Job Resource Fair in Vineland, and the Reverse Job Fair at Rowan College. Looking to connect with any employment community partners who are looking for placements. They received a donation which they are putting towards transportation funds. Will have a Walk-a-Thon in September.

VII. Old/New Business

VIII. Adjournment

April requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Emma Curry and seconded by Chuck Nagel. The meeting ended at 11:08 a.m.