

**ABILITIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 (ZOOM)**

**ATTENDANCE**

COMMITTEE INFORMATION AND ATTENDANCE									
Name	Organization	Trustee Member	10-Mar-22	14-Apr-22	9-Jun-22	11-Aug-22	8-Sep-22	13-Oct-22	
Cirii, Frank	Camden County One-Stop	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Coleman, Ardella	Cooper University Healthcare					X			
Deitz, Jeffery	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	✓							
<b>Donato, Carl, Interim Chair</b>	Wawa	✓		X	X	X	X	X	X
Forman, Lois	Jewish Family & Children's Service		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Freire, Edison	JEVS Human Services		X		X				
Fugee, Antoinette	Center for Family Services								
Galvin, Tim	Cooper University Healthcare								
Hale, Dawn	The Arc of Camden County								
Lucas, Angela	JEVS HireAbility						X		
Marks, Karen	Jewish Family & Children Service of Southern NJ								
McClintock, Monica	Rowan University		X	X	X		X	X	
Quinones, Cris	Wawa				X				
Scott, Jessica	The Arc of Camden County		X	X	X		X	X	
Taguwa, Denise	LWD-WDB Coord + Support								
Tyndell, Maurice	BestWorks				X				
Turnage, Shay	Cooper University Healthcare					X			
Weinberg, Oriel	Jewish Family & Children's Service					X	X		
Henderson, Bridget	WDB Staff								X
Levitt, Alex	WDB Staff		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swartz, Jeffrey S.	WDB Staff		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vaughn, Debra	WDB Staff		X	X		X	X	X	X

**WELCOME**

Carl Donato Jr., Interim Committee Chair, greeted the attendees and the meeting was called to order at 8:32am. Jeffrey Swartz introduced Bridget Henderson, Program Evaluator. Bridget replaces Theo, for program monitoring and procurement duties at the WDB.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Carl asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2022, meeting. One correction to be made was noted by Lois Forman. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Monica McClintock, seconded by Lois Forman. The motion carried with a unanimous vote to the affirmative and the minutes for September 8, 2022, were approved.

**Camden County One-Stop Updates**

Frank Cirii, Local Area Operations Director, Camden County One Stop Career Center

- NJ Human Services announced that a post-pandemic health emergency unwinding process will commence requiring the recertification of every NJ resident who was on NJ Family Care Medicaid. <https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/staycoverednj/faqs/>, <https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/staycoverednj/toolkit/>
- One-Stop staff will be present the following events:
  - County town hall in Mt. Ephraim on October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Winslow Township High School's Career Expo and Job Fair on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am.
  - Free COVID and flu vaccination sites at various locations in Camden County (<https://www.camdencounty.com/service/health-human-services/seasonal-flu-shots/>)

- HiSET was acquired by PSI, so there is some transition and newly mandated training for One-Stop staff. Appointments are being made for HiSET testing with 2 weeks' notice. GED is still on hold for required hardware installation.
- The outreach messaging was approved and the campaign was launched to promote the One-Stop partners. The program publicizes the resources of the One-Stop, with its QR code appearing on advertisements on PATCO trains, bus wraps and radio and all marketing materials, so people can easily find information to follow up with.
- The Chromebook Loaner Program is set to launch as soon as an IT issue is resolved. A new domain name and a network separate from the county system needs to be created. The work to accomplish the task is delayed because IT's priority is to complete wiring for the office space of the Board of Social Services.
- The planned relocation of the Board of Social Services on Columbus Day weekend was delayed approximately 3 weeks because the build-out and pre-wiring of their employee workstations at the One-Stop location has not been completed.
- A meeting was held with South Jersey Transportation Authority regarding the resumption of shuttle service looping the PATCO Woodcrest stop, the One-Stop, BSS and the bus hub at the Echelon Town Center. Customers traveling by bus or PATCO to the One-Stop or Board of Social Services will get free transfers.

### **Open Forum, Discussion Of Future Events**

Carl Donato, Interim Chair

- Carl and Jeff attended the STAND DOWN event for homeless veterans at the Cherry Hill Armory on Friday, September 23, 2022, along with Chris Quinones from Wawa. Photos are posted on the WDB social media sites.
- Jeff thanked Monica for extending an invitation to the most recent Tri-State SHRM meeting. Monica commented that the March meeting will feature assistive technology for people with disabilities.
- Jeff and Alex Levitt attended Post-Secondary Fair on Columbus Day at Mastery High School in Camden to promote ACE internships and externships, as well as the virtual services at the One-Stop. A number of colleges and vendors were in attendance.
- On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the WDB will attend two events. One event is a job fair at Winslow Township Municipal Building and the second will be an event at Cooper River Park. The event at Cooper River is Unity Fun Day, sponsored by the Camden County Prosecutors Office. Organizations that provide services and employment opportunities will be on hand to engage with county residents.
- JEVS and DVR are hosting its NDEAM Employer Recognition and Job Fair at Camden County College-Blackwood on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Lois and Oriel Weinberg will be present with a JCFS resource table, as will the WDB and the One-Stop.
- GSETA will hold its virtual conference on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration can be done at [www.gseta.org](http://www.gseta.org). Next year, the event will be in-person and held in Atlantic City.

### **Committee Member Updates**

Lois Forman, Job Bank Coordinator, JFCS

- JCFS currently needs a Director of Senior Services and is seeking a candidate with a social work background.
- Fourteen individuals from the JCFS Supportive Employment Program have been placed with competitive employment. The Soups and Sweets Program provides necessary training to gain employment in the culinary field. The food prepared by the program is included with food provided by the JCFS family assistance program.

- Food donations continue through food drives, but donations have decreased as the need has significantly increased. In addition to food drives, JCFS holds a drive prior to the holidays to provide gift cards to needy families. She welcomes information about any businesses or organizations that would be able to contribute gift cards to the JCFS drive.
- Lois reminded the committee to send information about training sessions, job fairs and position openings to her for posting in the JCFS Job Board.

Monica McClintock, Rowan University

- The subject of the November 3rd Tri-State SHRM meeting is “Leading in Alignment and Wholeness Using Neuroscience and Mindfulness”, led by Due Quach, author of “Calm Clarity”.

Jeffrey Swartz, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board

- Jeff suggested that the Abilities Committee “adopt” an area, project or an organization to support and promote, just as the Literacy Committee has adopted the Clementon/Pine Hill/Lindenwold area to partner with and support through committee events. Monica and Carl agreed it would be a great idea to adopt the concept for a new committee theme in 2023.
- The Quarterly Board Meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> at Camden County College-Blackwood in Roosevelt Hall. A full breakfast will be offered starting at 8:30am and the meeting will begin at 9:00am. Those who plan to attend should notify Alex, to ensure an accurate headcount for the caterer. The Literacy Committee will present the Literacy Needs Assessment and the featured speaker will be Larry Abrams, founder of BookSmiles. Larry was featured on a recent “Hometown Heroes” segment on CNN.

Carl Donato, Interim Chair

- Wawa’s recently hired supportive employment specialist is tasked with creating an internship program with the colleges before their January posting deadline.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Carl asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Frank Cirri and seconded by Lois Forman. The motion carried with a unanimous vote to the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18am.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Abilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 8:30am. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Submitted by,

Debra Vaughn

Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director