

Jeffrey S. Swartz, Executive Director

Matthew Verney, Chair

**ABILITIES COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022, AT THE WDB OFFICE (ZOOM)**

**ATTENDANCE**

COMMITTEE INFORMATION AND ATTENDANCE							
Name	Organization	Trustee Member	14-Oct-21	18-Nov-21	13-Jan-22	10-Feb-22	10-Mar-22
Cirii, Frank	Camden County One-Stop	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Deitz, Jeffery	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	✓					
<b>Donato, Carl, Interim Chair</b>	Wawa	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Forman, Lois	Jewish Family & Children's Service		X	X	X	X	X
Freire, Edison	JEVS Human Services		X			X	X
Fugee, Antoinette	Center for Family Services						
Galvin, Tim	Cooper University Healthcare					X	
Hale, Dawn	The Arc of Camden County					X	
Lucas, Angela	JEVS HireAbility				X		
Marks, Karen	Jewish Family & Children Service of Southern NJ			X		X	
McClintock, Monica	Rowan University			X	X	X	X
Mills, Jay	NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired						
Scott, Jessica	The Arc of Camden County		X	X	X	X	X
Smith, Veda	Camden County Independent Living Center						
Taguwa, Denise	LWD-WDB Coord + Support						
Tyndell, Maurice	BestWorks					X	
Veneziani, Jennifer	Program Planning and Development Specialist, DVRs						
Levitt, Alex	WDB Staff		X	X	X	X	X
Swartz, Jeffrey S.	WDB Staff			X	X	X	X
Vaughn, Debra	WDB Staff				X	X	X

**WELCOME**

Carl Donato, Interim Committee Chair, greeted all those in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 8:36am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

For the first order of business, Carl asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022, meeting. Frank Cirii made the motion, seconded by Monica McClintock. The motion carried with a majority vote to the affirmative and the minutes for April 14, 2022, were approved.

**PTSD EVENT UPDATE – Carl Donato Jr.:**

- Event Flyer & Registration: As of today (5/12), 22 seats are reserved through Eventbrite registration. Carl encouraged committee members to push the event through email to their contacts.
- Event Agenda: Tim Galvin discussed the agenda and asked that the committee provide bulleted talking points for Ardella Coleman as the person performing welcome and speaker introductions.
- IT equipment will be needed as Jeff Dardia can only attend virtually. David Lang will be returning from travel with the State Department and hopes to attend in person but may have to speak from a remote location. Brad Bitting is not confirmed to attend in-person. Tim pointed out that the PowerPoint presentation he will be sharing is the intellectual property of Cooper University Hospital. Cooper will provide the laptops and cable connections, but a projector will be needed, which Edison Freire will provide. A technical test run will be done at a time that Tim and Edison can meet. Tim will reach out to the Boathouse directly to arrange his visit for a tech test run.

- COVID Safety Protocol: Masks will be encouraged but not be required.
- Event Sharing on Social Media: It was decided that streaming the event or sharing the video will take place after the event to avoid cutting into the in-person attendance.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

#### **Jessica Scott, Arc of Camden County**

- More programs will be opening leading to new hires. This upcoming school year, the Arc will participate in Project Search. They will be working in the hospitals systems with high school age students and special programs to assist them in gaining work-readiness skills, which hopefully will turn into employment. The Arc is seeking a Para-Professional, an Assistant Director for supporting employment and Employment Specialists.

#### **Maurice Tyndell, BestWorks**

- BestWorks has immediate openings for sewing operators and expanding into the e-commerce field, for which they are seeking customer service representatives.

#### **Frank Ciri, One-Stop Career Center**

- UI is now open, with appointments made by the DOL and averaging 65-70 clients in-person per day. There are resources available to assist people with unemployment issues. The One-Stop's services are available in-person or remotely via Zoom meetings with counselors. In-person activity seems to be increasing weekly.

#### **Monica McClintock, Rowan University**

- In-person graduation on campus will take place this week. The Tri-State HRMA Conference took place last week, the previous CEOs from Kennedy and Virtua delivered keynote addresses and about 90 people attended the in-person event. Flyers for PTSD in the Workplace were distributed.

#### **Alex Levitt – SYEP Update**

- The CCWDB is still accepting applications for the summer youth employment program for young people ages 16 to 24. Because of the slow response, the application deadline has been extended from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The stipend was increased from \$13.50 to \$15 per hour. In addition, worksite agreements are still being accepted.
- The Youth One-Stop video has been edited into file sizes that are ready for distribution and posting on social media.

#### **Debra Vaughn – PTSD Event Update**

- Sponsorship funds are still uncollected from JEVs, Wawa and Truist Bank.

#### **Carl Donato, Jr, Wawa**

- Wawa continues to expand. North Carolina store openings have been announced and in general, hiring has been slow but steady.
- PTSD in the Workplace will be discussed at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carl Donato Jr. mentioned The Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network group's founder would join the June 9<sup>th</sup> Abilities Committee meeting.
- **Future Outreach Event Ideas:**

Ideas for community outreach events were discussed and local events could be a vehicle for collaboration with other groups. Jessica Scott mentioned the Arc of Camden County will be hosting a Walk-a-thon over the coming weekend that anyone was welcome to participated in.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carl Donato Jr. requested a motion for adjournment. Frank Cirii made the motion, seconded by **Jessica Scott**. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Abilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 8:50am. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Submitted by,  
Debra Vaughn  
Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director