



Camden County Workforce Development Board

Supporting the Development and Retention of a World Class Workforce

Gregg T. DeBaere, Chair
Jeffrey S. Swartz, Executive Director

ABILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE – ABILITIES COMMITTEE

MEMBERS		MEETING DATES							
		8-Mar	12-Apr	10-May	14-Jun	12-Jul	9-Aug	12-Sep	11-Oct
Maggio, Jim CHAIR	TFG/Judge Group							X	
Abrams, Barbara	Jewish Family & Children Service of Southern NJ	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Cipolla, Joe	Jewish Employment and Vocational Services	X	X		X				X
Davis, Anthony	Mental Services of Southwestern New Jersey	X		X	X		X		
Deitz, Jeffery	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services		X		X	X		X	
Forman, Lois	Bancroft	X		X	X	X		X	X
Geoffrey, Taylor	NJ DOL DVOP								
Lombardo, Rick	Target Stores								
Lope, Krista	NJ Division of Vocational and Rehabilitation Services	X		X			X		
Lucas, Angela	Hireability	X		X			X	X	X
Newman, Jason	NJ DOL DVOP		X						
Pryor, Regina	LWD Division of Workforce Operations and Business Svcs.							X	X
Stettler, Mark	T & M Associates								
Tumolillo, Terry	Voice Print								
Waltz, Julie	ARC of Camden County			X					
Laura Schwingel	Jewish Family & Children Service of Southern NJ							X	
Dan Farber	Birght Lights USA							X	
Swartz, Jeffrey S.	WDB Executive Director	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Varallo Kathleen	WDB Adminisitrative Assistant				X	X	X	X	X
Naroden, Eric	WDB Intern								
Stubblefield, Lelia	WDB Administrative Assistant	X	X	X	X				
Williams, Leslie	WDB Comptroller								

WELCOME

Jeffrey S. Swartz, called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and asked for roundtable introductions. Jeff presented meeting materials including minutes and an updated “Dispelling the Myth” event program draft. He said that the primary focus of the agenda would be to review final preparations and details of the event.

DISPELLING THE MYTHS: PROGRAM UPDATE:

Event Title: “DISPELLING THE MYTHS -THE NEW BUSINESS MODEL”

Place: Jewish Federation Annex Building, 1721 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

Date/Time: Friday, October 21, 2016, 8:30am-11:00am

The Camden County Workforce Development Board Abilities Committee and Literacy Committee is hosting an event for employers, in Camden County and the surrounding region, to increase awareness about the benefits of hiring persons with disabilities. The title of the event is “*Dispelling the Myths-The New Business Model*”. Our goal is to bring together employers, who are able to provide work sites for persons with disabilities and other partnering agencies who conduct training programs that prepare these individuals to be productive members of the workforce.

The event will consist of presentations by a guest speaker and panelists as well as an exhibit area containing information tables and networking opportunities. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served. Handouts with additional information will be distributed.

GUEST OR KEYNOTE SPEAKER UPDATE

Peg Monaghan, SAP Global Storage Coordinator, Foundation Service and AutismAtWork Mentor. Jeff reported that Dick Knopf and Kathleen Varallo, WDB have been in touch with Peg Monaghan. Kathleen said that that Peg emailed links to her presentations. These were forwarded to the Audio Visual Company hired by Barbara Abrams, Jewish Family & Children's Services. She also said that Peg will be bringing two staff members with her from SAP that will fill the success story feature of the program. These two individuals with Autism were hired after going through the Autism to Work program and are successfully working at SAP. Lois Forman, Bancroft suggested that committee members receive the links to Peg's presentations as well.

PANELIST & PROGRAM UPDATE:

Schedule of Events

8:30am – 9:00am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Exhibits

Catered by -Soups & Sweets Culinary Training Program

Welcome & Introductions	Jim Maggio
Introduction Keynote Speaker Peg Monaghan, SAP	Dick Knopf
Panel Introductions & Discussion	Jim Maggio Ken Brahl
Panel Discussion	
Questions & Answers	Jim Maggio
Hire One History Presentation	Ken Brahl
Success Story	Michele Harvey and Patrick Viesti, SAP
Closing Remarks, Sponsor and Exhibit Area Recognition	Jeffrey S. Swartz

Panelists are confirmed as follows: Walgreens-Dawn Blair, Human Resources Specialist, Bancroft-Lois Forman, Director of Vocational Services, Becker's School Supplies-Jacquelyn Bader, Benefits/Compliance Director, Human Resources Director, TD Bank-Jocelyn Weyrauch, VP – Diversity Talent Advisor and New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)-Jeffery Deitz, Manager.

The Committee reviewed the event schedule and program. Lois Forman, Bancroft, said she would be going on vacation with her family and that all event needs could be directed to Judi London, Chief Marketing Officer at

Bancroft. She asked about the results of her Work Trial volunteer Karen Reynolds's efforts to update the employer list. Kathleen said there was a pretty good response to the digital invitation sent to employers on the list. She said there are about 38 employers expected to attend the event. The committee also reviewed signage needs and exhibit tables. Joe Cipolla said that JEVS would take a table at the event. The committee agreed that only the participants in the program would have pre-printed name tags. Self-stick label name tags would be available for all other attendees.

Jeff thanked Barbara Abrams, Jewish Family & Children's services again for her efforts in obtaining the location, audio tech and confirming that the Soups and Sweets Culinary Training Program will be catering the continental breakfast. Jeff said that he and two staff members made site visits to the Federation to lay-out the set-up. The donation from Bancroft will cover additional chairs, tables and linen rentals. He reported that Ken Brahl, Shoprite, agreed to donate a \$25.00 gift card for the purposes of purchasing bottled water for the event.

EVENT MARKETING PLAN UPDATE

Jeff reported that event information and press release were posted to the Camden County Website. Press releases were sent to Stacy Forman, Director of the Retail Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network South, Stockton University. Art Campbell, Director of the Camden County Chamber of Commerce with agreement they would both forward the information to their membership and contacts. Kathleen said the press release and flyer were sent to the WDB Board and the members of all committees. Jeff said that he spoke about the event to members of the Business Service Team and invited them with the stipulation that they each bring an employer to the event. Kathleen said that WDB staff created a registration sheet with information that will be completed by attendees when they sign in at the event. The registration sheet is similar to our regular committee meeting sign-in sheet. The information we do have on each registrant will be pre-printed on the sign-in sheet. The attendees will fill in missing information. This information will be used to update our "50-plus" employer list for future events. Kathleen said that the list currently contains 200 updated contacts.

Due to the upcoming Presidential Election, committee members present decided to re-schedule the next meeting to join the Literacy Committee and do a follow up meeting about the event. All agreed that a notice should be sent out to both committees announcing the meeting change as soon as possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:49am.

NEXT MEETING

The Abilities Committee will meet jointly with the Literacy Committee on Tuesday, November 1st 2016. 8:30am.

Submitted by

Kathleen Varallo

Administrative Assistant