

# **Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board**

## **Disabilities Services Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2010**

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Disabilities Services committee was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at the Division of Rehabilitation Office in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

#### **Attendance:**

Anthony Chiesa, DOL, Cumberland County One Stop  
David Grennon, Office of the Disabled  
Christy DiLeonardo, C/S WIB  
Linda DeJohn, DVRS  
Rebecca Gower-Call, The ARC of Salem County  
Rebecca Sobelman, Salem Community College  
Shelley Spina, C/S WIB

#### **Handouts:**

Salem County 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Awareness Day  
Disabilities Awareness/Sensitivity Training Handout

#### **Opening and Welcome:**

The meeting was opened by David Grennon. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He read the Mission Statement for the committee.

#### **Minutes:**

David tabled the minutes because there was not a quorum.

#### **WIB Update: Christy DiLeonardo**

Christy thanked everyone for coming. She complimented David on the excellent job he has been doing as Disability Navigator Coordinator. Christy reported that Cheryl Miller was no longer employed by the state. Pete Contini, Kevin Foley and Ken Thomas are working very hard to keep the One Stop running. They received allocations for the Learning Link but unfortunately they were cut dramatically. The Learning Link at the Salem One Stop is closed and is the one at the Vineland Adult Education Center. The one at the Cumberland County One Stop is still in operation.

Cumberland and Salem are holding a Health /care event at the Cumberland County One Stop. They are in the process of recruiting employers in the health care field to that part in this event. They are hoping that the employers will hire clients that went through health care programs in all types of fields. Christy asked David if he knew of anyone that should be invited. This event will be held Thursday, July 29, 2010. They are targeting clients that went through health care programs using ARRA funding. They are considering doing another one in the fall. She talked about the new C/S WEB site that they are almost finished with. She passed around the Disabilities Services Committee's page and asked for suggestions on anything the group thought should be changed or added.

#### **One Stop Reports**

**NJDOLWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Report: Linda DeJohn**

Linda stated that the state has changed the requirements for Counselors which is a good thing but that they still don't have permission to hire so they are still short handed. Anthony asked about shared services. He stated that they now have an Elevate America program and Betsey Reed is the contact.

### **Disability Navigator Reports:**

#### **Cumberland: Lenore Sharp**

Lenore was unable to attend and there was no report.

#### **Salem: Rebecca Sobelman**

Rebecca reported that it is business as usual. She has been working with youth with learning disabilities.

### **County Office of the Disabled Director Reports**

#### **Salem: Debra Behnke**

David reported that she was unable to attend but sent a handout about Salem's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Awareness Day which is being held at the Riverview Inn in Pennsville on July 27, 2010 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. This conference gives people with disabilities, family, friends, parents and support staff an opportunity to come together and learn of the services offered to them in Salem County. He invited the committee members to attend.

#### **Cumberland: David Grennon**

On October 23, 2010 Cumberland County will be holding their Disabilities Awareness Day. They One Stop will be one of the vendors and will also have a speaker there. He reported that his office may be moving. The Out Reach Coordinator is retiring.

Christy stated that Discover Ability had 7 million in funding available but the application was never put together. They will still have the C/S employer forum whether they get funding or not.

Linda told the committee that Camden County is holding a Federal Job Fair for people with disabilities.

David reported that an Employers forum will be held at Cumberland County College sometime in October. Cornell University will be doing a presentation. This is a combined Cumberland and Salem forum.

#### **Disability Navigator Coordinator Report: David Grennon**

David spoke about the Discover Abilities book and he felt that there were a lot of good things in the book. There are a lot of things that are in line with what this committee wants to accomplish.

David reported to the group what he has accomplished so far as the Coordinator. Christy will send it to Shelley and it will be an attachment with the minutes from this meeting.

Christy said that David is going to be a special guest at the August 5, 2010 WIB Board meeting.

#### **Old/New Business:**

Christy thanked Linda for agreeing to host this meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

#### **Adjournment:**

With no other business, David asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Linda DeJohn and the meeting was adjourned.