CUMBERLAND/SALEM
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Disabilities Services Committee

Meeting Minutes of
October 12, 2010

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Disabilities Services Committee was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at PSE&G in Salem, New Jersey.

Attendance:
Allison Spinelli, Cumberland Office of Employment & Training
Christine Hooks, Coldwell Banker Realty
David Grennon, Cumberland Office of the Disabled
Debra Behnke, Salem Office of the Disabled
Lenore Sharp, Cumberland Office of Employment & Training
Linda DeJohn, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Rebecca Gower Call, The ARC of Salem County
Rebecca Sobelman, Salem Community College
Anthony Chiesa Cumberland One Stop (Manuel Biagas)

Staff:
Anthony Scott, Workforce Investment Board
Christy DiLeonardo, Workforce Investment Board
Shelley Spina, Workforce Investment Board

Welcome and Opening Remarks:
The meeting was called to order by David Grennon. He read the Mission Statement of this committee. Introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:
David asked for a motion to approve the April 13, 2010 and the July 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Rebecca Call made the motion and Manuel Biagas seconded the motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.

<u>Open Stop Reports:</u>

NJDOL DVRS Report: Linda DeJohn
Linda announced that she will be retiring effective December 1, 2010, so this will be the last Disabilities Services meeting the she will be attending. She reported that they still need counselors. The state has changed the requirements for the counselors but she still has not received the approval to start hiring. Everyone wished Linda well and thanked her for all her work with the WIB.

<u>Disabilities Navigators Reports</u>

Cumberland County: Lenore Sharp

She is working with a couple of customers. She spoke at an Out Reach Event for David Grennon. At that event she spoke about what services that the One Stop Career Center could provide for people with disabilities.

Salem County: Rebecca Sobelman
She is also working with a couple of customers. Their Learning Link Lab is open again full time. They still have not gotten their equipment. Allison is looking into funding for the equipment that they need. David stated that he and Rebecca will get together and discuss what equipment they need. Allison stated that they will approach the Salem Management Team about funding for this equipment.

<u>County Office of the Disabled Director Reports</u>

Salem County: Debra Behnke
They held their Disabilities Awareness Day at the Riverview Inn in Pennsville on July 27, 2010. This gave people with disabilities, their families, friends and support staff the opportunity to come together and learn about the services that are offered in Salem County. The event was a huge success.

Cumberland County: David Grennon
David reported that the Office of Disabled had moved to Broad Street in Bridgeton. His new phone number is 856-459-3090. They provide services to the disabled and seniors.
On October 23, 2010, Cumberland County will be holding their Disability Awareness Day at the Cumberland County College. It is free admission and open to the general public but registration is required. Guest speakers will provide a brief overview of their services and programs. Lenore will be a featured speaker and the One Stop will have a booth. Must register by October 18, 2010.

Local DPN Monthly Narrative Report: David Grennon
David made a presentation at the C/S Workforce Investment Board's August meeting. He attended 2 weekend Health Fairs in support of community outreach. He attended a meeting with Scott Raynor from Strategic Training concepts on August 25th along with Debra Behnke and Christy DiLeonardo. Mr. Raynor's organization is interested in getting in getting involved. They are planning an Employers Seminar that is presented by Cornell University in both Cumberland and Salem Counties. There will be no cost to attend. In Salem it will be held on November 29, 2010 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the PSE&G Building. In Cumberland it will be held on November 30th, 2010 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Cumberland County College. These forums are for employers to teach them the benefits for hiring the disabled and also veterans.

Debra will take the registrations for Salem and David will do the registration for Cumberland. They are also providing interpreters for these forums. They will also be passing out flyers and would like to put a news release out to reach out to employers.

Manuel asked about reaching out to veterans. Anthony Chiesa was going to check into that. Christy said that she needs contact information and Manuel will look into that.

Adjournment:
With no other business, David asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Debra Behnke and the meeting was adjourned.