

**CUMBERLAND/SALEM
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Disabilities Services Committee

**Meeting Minutes of
July 12, 2011**

A meeting of the Cumberland/Salem Disabilities Services Committee was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Cumberland County One Stop Career Center in Vineland, NJ.

Attendance:

Alison Spinelli, OE&T
Anthony Chiesa, DOL/One Stop Career Center
David Grennon, Office on the Disabled
Jack Surrency, HSAC
Lenore Sharp, OE&T
Linda Ganassi, PAPA Inc.
Marva Ferguson, DVRS
Rebecca Gower Call, The Arc of Salem County
Rebecca Soleman, Salem Community College

Staff:

Christy DiLeonardo
Shelley Spina

Handouts:

Dine Out For Arc of Salem
Cumberland County 2011 Disability Navigator Activity Log
Center for Workers With Disabilities
Working For Tomorrow

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Christy DiLeonardo

Christy opened for David Grennon who was running a little late. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She apologized for not attending the last meeting.

Minutes:

Rebecca Call made a motion to approve the January 2011 meeting minutes and Lenore Sharp seconded them. Anthony Chiesa made a motion to approve the April minutes and Lenore Sharp seconded them with some members abstaining. Minutes were approved as written.

WIB Update: Christy DiLeonardo

Christy asked the committee when they got a chance to look over the 2 CWD handouts included in their package. There is some good information in them such as new grants that are coming out. The Newsletter can be found on a website which has good information about the Juvenile Justice System. She talked about the DiscoverAbilities workshops that were held and would like to do more of them. She asked the committee to email her with any suggestions. She would also like to do some combined hiring events. LaWanda Cook from Rutgers has volunteered to come down and do more workshops.

Anthony stated that he would like to work with disabled Veterans and combined it with this committee and maybe doing a job fair.

Marva will be having an event sponsored by the DVR's in this area to be held in Camden County in October. They had a lot of government agencies at the last event they held. She will forward the information to Christy.

Dave read the committee's mission statement.

One Stop Reports**DVR Services Report: Marva Ferguson**

On August 1, 2011 they are getting 3 new counselors full time that they have been needing.

Disability Navigators Reports**Cumberland: Lenore Sharp**

A mailing went out for the Ticket to Work Program. She has been meeting with 2 referrals.

Alison explained the TTW grant. It is a 3 year grant and we were chosen as a pilot program. She will be handling the contracting and giving reports to this committee. She asked the committee for suggestions on activities for youth with disabilities.

The Learn to Earn program started yesterday at the 4-H building. Forty three youth showed up. This program is sponsored by the Chamber and the ages range from 10 year olds to 18 years old. They are providing transportation for these youth. She was very pleased with the turnout.

Salem: Rebecca Sobelman:

She is working with 15 youth and the most of them working with Glen Donelson.

County Office of the Disabled Director Reports

Cumberland: David Grennon

They will be holding their Disabilities Awareness Day on October 22, 2011 at the Cumberland County College. Jack Surrency will be a speaker at that event. He has had staff layoffs so they are working short handed. He went to a Continuation Seminar on Disabilities. They talked about Disability Navigator Initiative. He said that the One Stops are already doing what this initiative suggested. He suggested that they do a tour of the One Stop or an open house and the committee agreed. He also suggested assigning Community Colleges and Faith Based groups to this committee. He would like to do ITT training for Cumberland and Salem Counties.

Christy suggested that the people working with the disabled to ask their clients what their needs are.

Salem: Debra Behnke

Debra was unable to attend but David reported that Salem will be holding their Disabilities Awareness Day on July 26, 2011 at the Riverview Inn.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Jack Surrency made a motion to adjourn.