

FULL WDB MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

May 9, 2018

Members Present

Les Vail, WDB Chair	Michelle Shirey, WDB Executive Director
Daniel Sulpizio, Business	Brian Mattei, County Apprentice Coordinator
Tom Brown, MASCEC	Jim Robinson, Business
JaNea Wilson, NJLWD	Patty Claghorn, RCGC
Ralph Bingham, GC Library System	Alyssa Frasca, Robin's Nest
Dwana White, St. John of God	Randee Davidson, RCGC
Jason Newman, NJLWD	Lisa Cerny, GC Disability & Human Services
Nicole Wilson, Inspira Healthcare	Anthony DiFabio, Robin's Nest
Ken Barnshaw, South Jersey Federal Credit Union	Brigitte Satchell, Workforce & Professional Dev. Ctr.
Kathy Farinaccio, Business	Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions
Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development	Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Anne Wodnick, GC Library System	Kim Alexander, GCIT
Marie Rafter, GC Probation	Daniele Spence, Freeholder Aide
Heather Simmons, Freeholder Liaison	Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff
Ashley Rastelli, WDB Staff	Isaiah Randall, Economic Development Intern
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff	

Visitors

Sherry Sandler, NJ State Parole Board	Gary Hasenbalg, NJ State Parole Board
Brother Charles Schreiner, St. John of God	

Les opened the meeting at 8:20 am.
Salute the Flag.

Meeting minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting were not approved, as there was no quorum. They will be presented for approval at the August 8, 2018 meeting.

Special Remarks

Freeholder Simmons announced Robin's Nest is celebrating 50 years in South Jersey. She thanked RCGC Adult Center for Transition (ACT) for holding a reverse job fair, it was a big success. RCGC will be graduating over 1200 students, which is the largest graduating class. Rowan University will be holding 11 graduation ceremonies throughout the week. Rowan University will be ready to choose an architect for a museum to be built on site at the Fossil Park with future plans for a hotel and retail space. She thanked Abilities Solutions for their work in the community. The Gloucester County Freeholders celebrated National Small Business Appreciation Week at HFM Investment Advisors located in Glassboro. HFM Investment Advisors received a proclamation celebrating National Small Business Appreciation Week and to recognize them as one of the first businesses to receive funds from the Gloucester County Small Business Revolving Loan Fund in 2014.

Les presented plaque to Anne Wodnick, GC Library System for her years of dedicated service. Anne will be retiring in August 2018.

A moment of silence was given in memory of Gloucester County Surrogate, Helene Reed.

Presentation

Sherry Sandler, NJ State Parole Board provided presentation and overview. Sherry provided information on reentry initiatives, specifically the South Jersey Community Reentry Coalition. It is a volunteer regional reentry task force. The inmates upon release are returning to their community and it is important to engage the community. A re-entry simulation was held September 2017 in Bridgeton and was a great success. The next re-entry simulation will be June 4, 2018 at Rutgers University-Camden. Their mission is to promote safe and

healthy communities through awareness, advocacy, and collaborative efforts that enhance opportunities for ex-offenders to become law abiding, self-sufficient members of society.

WDB Update

Michelle reported the Mobile Job Center is doing great with over 12,000 views and over 3,500 subscribers. We have seen a positive impact of the mobile app in that it has brought more people in to the AJC.

Michelle introduced new employee Ashley Rastelli, Ashley position is Accounting Assistant in WDB department.

Announcements

MASCEC - Tom Brown announced 3 days in mid-April, 9 entrepreneurial students from Gateway visited Cornell University. The trip was put together by Ben Wood, MASCEC Executive Vice President, and who retired from Cornell University. The trip was focused on the students learning about large and small businesses in food processing and retail. They participated in training to become national restaurant association certified food handlers and to meet with local entrepreneurs. They also met with Stephen Squires, Professor of Astronomy who is a graduate of Gateway High School. This trip was funded by the alumni association.

GCLS – Anne Wodnick reported the summer reading program will begin end of June. The Innovation Center at RCGC is doing well.

RCGC – Patty reported the Cooperative Education program at RCGC continues to grow. Thanks to outreach by GC Chamber of Commerce, they have 7 employers looking to sponsor students.

RCGC - Brigitte reported RCGC has been awarded the Financial Talent Development Center (TDC). The Financial TDC would like to partner with financial industry employers who are interested in hiring individuals where the employer and RCGC's Financial TDC can provide the necessary training.

RCGC's Financial TDC is also looking into partnering with nonprofit organizations and creating programs for individuals with disabilities.

Habitat for Humanity - Dan reported they will be welcoming 2 partner families including a veteran partner family scheduled for May 22.

Dan participated in the Reverse Job held April 20 at the Adult Center for Transition. A student from the Youth Education & Career Center recently shadowed at Parke Bank, the student spent time in various departments at the Bank.

GC Chamber – Les announced the next Town Spotlight will be Elk Township. This will be held May 23, 2018 at The Ferrell Fire Department. The Best of Gloucester County ceremony will be held June 4, 2018 at Auletto's.

A motion for adjournment was made.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff