

Gloucester County Disabilities Advisory Council
May 18, 2023

Members Present

Lisa Cerny
Tom Bianco
Theresa Rohlfling
Kimberly Quigley

Patty Thomas
Bryan Miller
Carol Weinhardt
Dennis McNulty

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Bryan Miller to approve the minutes of March 16, 2023, Theresa Rohlfling seconded.

Presentation: Kimberly Quigley, MS, CRC Director Adult Services, St. John of God Community Services

- Meeting was held at St. John of God Community Services. 1147 Delsea Dr Building A, Westville, NJ 08093
- *A tour and overview of St. John of God was provided to members at end of meeting.*

Core Advisory Group

- Dennis McNulty (OEM) said there has been more interest from our newer Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators regarding Register Ready that just recently registered. As for the training class 17 people signed up for it, majority of them were members of the Disability Advisory Group, one from Inspira, and two from our municipalities. Kelly Boyd has sent the manual to Dennis and we will forward to our committee.
- Conversations regarding hosting a training for an active shooter event workshop for individuals with disabilities and access to functional needs have been discussed. Dennis has seen correspondence regarding an event being held in Williamstown for the southern region and will provide details forthcoming.
- GO Kits- Dennis needs to double check and make sure a portion of money has been put aside from the Homeland Security Fund once he receives word, he will update us. Purchasing will take about a month to get the supplies in.
 - We are going to put it on our agenda for our next meeting June 15.
 - With hurricane season starting June 1st. Lisa wanted to know if there is anything else we should be doing, discussing, and/or presenting in preparation. Theresa Rohlfling stated the Center for Independent Living agency has already had an emergency preparedness class. Also mentioning if anyone knows of individuals who are in need of Judy boxes, she has a few left and would be happy to drop off to anyone in need. As a reminder the Judy boxes are similar to the GO Kits but contain items for four people.
- Bryan Miller spoke regarding register ready and how Abilities Solutions is reaching out to their consumers individually in introducing the concepts and questions to the parents.

Disability Job Fair

- July 27th from 9-12 at Rowan College of SJ Gymnasium
- Workshops are scheduled as follows:
 - July 18th ZOOM 2PM
 - July 19th 6pm IN PERSON

- July 25th 10AM ZOOM (Businesses)
- July 26 ZOOM
- Save the date flyer will be coming out.

Meeting Calendar:

- No changes to the meeting calendar
- Lisa has reach out to Joan to confirm hosting June's meeting at Avenue to Independent Living. Awaiting response.
- Dr. George Scott would like to host a meeting as well at Rowan- Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Project Search

- Graduation is set for 6pm on June 8th at Jefferson Hospital (Washington Township) courtyard. Invitations are in review stages and hopefully next week they will go out.
- Five are graduating and two have been hired who are hearing impaired. One of the supervisors went back to school for training on sign language to communicate more clearly with them.
- DVRS was able to send Easter Seals over to show the interns some of the assistive technology on their phones and also to assist on communicating back and forth.
- Seven individuals have been evaluated and accepted into the program for the upcoming year. They are looking for a total of ten so if you know anyone with the needed, please reach out.

Old/New Business:

- Lisa Cerny was speaking to a former colleague who now works for the state. She is doing presentations on the Able Accounts. If anyone is interested in hosting a presentation for their consumers, please reach out to her.
- The Disability Expo has gone out of business. Lisa Cerny said maybe we could look into doing something regional. Lisa will try to reach out to Stockton for their plans.
- Lisa Cerny attended a Parent Educational GC Workshop sponsored by The Commission for Women and The Arc of Gloucester County. At the workshop an attorney spoke about guardianship, getting DDD Services, and getting on Medicaid. Surrogate Joe Chila was also present and spoke about guardianship. 17 people attended the workshop.
- Lisa handed out flyers for anyone interested in Narcan training. Registration required.
 - In person Narcan training will be held as follows:
 Trainings held on May 22, June 26, July 31
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 At Rowan College of South Jersey
 Gloucester County Campus
 1492 Tanyard Road, Sewell NJ 08080
- Tom Bianco asked if there is a list of all ADA complaint Playgrounds and parks in Gloucester County.
 - Dennis McNulty said he would reach out to our Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators requesting the information and will share the information with us at the next meeting.
 - Tom also brought up the Best of Gloucester County recognizing small businesses. He suggested for board to think about and/or make recommendations for services providers to be recognized.
 - Lisa Cerny noted that discussion on expo and recognizing small businesses will be added on the agenda for next month.

- Next meeting June 15, 2023
 - At Avenues to Independent Living
304 South Broad Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

A motion to adjourn meeting.