

Gloucester County Disabilities Advisory Council

February 20, 2025

Members Present

Lisa Cerny
Patty Thomas
Lisa Conley
Theresa Rohlfig
Carol Weinhardt
Thomas Bianco

Dennis McNulty
Bryan Miller
Dr. George Scott
Stacey Smith
Kim Quigley

Oath of Office administered by Tom Bianco Director of Economic Development.

Members sworn in: Bryan Miller, Theresa Rohlfig, Dr. George Scott, Stacey Smith, Carol Weinhardt, Kim Quigley, Lisa Conley, Dennis McNulty

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Dennis McNulty to approve November 21, 2024 Dr. George Scott seconded.

Core Advisory Group

Dennis wanted to share that he and his colleague Gerald Moore met with Bryan and Len from Abilities Solution facility and began the initial planning for the table top exercise. Their original target date was today (20th) to conduct this exercise in table top fashion however for a number of reasons they had to delay the delivery of this exercise hopefully next month. They did draft a situation Manuel initially and were going to use a scenario that Bryan, Len and Dennis were in agreement with, Dennis sat down with Jack DeAngelo and he thought it needed additional elements perhaps to challenge the participants and the observers. Dennis reached out to Bryan and Len to modify the scenario but it still would involve evacuation. They are in the process of doing that and once the draft is finalized, he will forward it back to Bryan and Len and then meet in person to discuss the changes and what facility will be having the exercise Abilities Solution or OEM building. Dennis spoke to Joe Ward about the interactive map of the ADA Playgrounds he is certainly able and willingly to do it. Tom thought it would be a great idea to add the site on the GC Tourist Map showing the residents where the ADA playgrounds are in the county.

2025 Goals, Projects /Speakers

Inclusive Playgrounds

Annual Job Fair

Chambers of Commerce (Service Animals)

Mental Health (Caregivers Fatigue)

Table Top

-Brochures are going out shortly for new housing over at the college maybe do a welcome kit packet or QR code just using agencies from our DAC committees.

Meet with the Mayors Association

Announcements

Theresa (Center for Family Living) they are having a Protect Medicaid rally on March 6th at 12PM at the NJ State Annex building in Trenton hoping some committee members, staff and friends can attend she will forward the flyer to Patty who will then forward to the members.

Lisa is reaching out to Project Leaders to reach out to their providers network for impact statement on the potential Federal Funding being withheld or no longer being available. How it would affect their agencies, would it mean certain programs are cut or how would it affect your agency providing services to Gloucester County resident. If possible, Lisa would like the impact statements by the first week of March.

Lisa Conley brought up the non-driver ID card for people with disabilities she said she signed up around 15 people. Danielle Spence reached out to her and they still have spots available if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting

March 20th 2025 @ 12:30PM

Motion to Adjourn Meeting.