

EXECUTIVE & ONE STOP OPERATIONS
October 16, 2019

Members Present

Les Vail, Chair	Michael Girone, Vice Chair
Tom Brown, MidAtlantic States Career & Education Ctr.	Cleve Bryan, Youth Development
Lisa Cerny, GC Human & Disability Svrs.	Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Stephen Hart, DWD	Kimberly Quigley, St. John of God
Stacey Smith, DVRS	Michelle Shirey, WDB Executive Director
Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development	Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff	

Members Absent

Anthony Bellia, Marketing & Business Outreach	Ralph Bingham, GC Library System
Michael Dicken, GCIT	Katie Doyle, GC Div. Social Services
Sam Ferraino, Apprenticeship & Industry Development	Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority
Hunter Kintzing, Resource Analysis & Budget	Brigette Satchell, RCSJ
Denise Taguwa, NJLWD	

Visitor

Regina Pryor, NJLWD

Les opened the meeting at 2:30 pm.

A motion to approve April 17 and July 17 meeting minutes was made by C. Bryan, seconded M. Girone.

New / Old Business

Emergency Transportation WDB Policy – Michelle reported Div. Social Services changed the way of distributing bus passes, this is a statewide move. They no longer are distributing paper bus passes, they have put money for bus passes on the clients' EBT card. We have occasionally had 'stranded' clients at the AJC. We had to set a bus pass policy which states how we can distribute and who can distribute. We are allowing our State partners to be able to distribute the bus passes that are paid through WIOA dollars. Some concerns were discussed & Michelle stated we will refine the (draft) policy in order to add a bullet point to the policy that Social Services will be alerted of the client's status, and revised draft will be presented on December 9th Full WDB Membership conference.

WDB Local & Regional Plan – Michelle reported both the WDB Local & Regional plan are on WDB website and went through a 30-day review and we are waiting for SETC to approve them.

AJC/One-Stop Certification – Michelle reported the certification has been submitted to SETC and the WDB is waiting for SETC approval.

Announcements

GC Human & Disability Services – Lisa reported October is National Disability Employment Awareness month and through the disability advisory council, they received 12 nominations for businesses that have hired those physically or mentally challenged. Out of the 12, 4 have been selected and will be recognized at the Freeholder meeting (10/16/19) for their continued efforts in hiring those with disabilities. The following businesses are being honored: Adecco Enterprise, Evergreen Senior Day Care Center, Ross Dept. Store (Deptford), South Jersey Federal Credit Union. Access Link is holding customer service public hearing on Nov. 12 in Trenton and Nov. 14 in Newark. The local citizen's transportation advisory board sent an email request to Access Link requesting to add 3rd public hearing facility and Lisa offered space in South Jersey. The Division of Human & Disability Services is actively involved in

continuum of care for homeless, the US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is requesting a more formal process, Lisa has a sample MOU and she will work with Michelle. They recently submitted an application for a \$4.5 million in supportive housing services and is a combined continuum of care. Gloucester County has partnered with Camden, Cumberland and Cape May Counties to become a 4 county continuum, which is how we will bring additional services and housing supports into the county because any new project that gets submitted must cover all 4 counties. QPR training is being offered on December 11, 3:30 pm at the Mullica Hill Library. Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk will be held at GCIT on Oct. 20. Hands-On training for law enforcement will be conducted at the Police Academy on how to handle residents with mental health issues.

MASCEC – Tom reported MASCEC is conducting a ServeSafe food handler certification training on Oct. 10 at the AJC. Individuals being trained are coming out of the G-jobs class.

DVRS – Stacey reported their fiscal year ended 9/30/19 and they successfully rehabbed 110 individuals with disabilities who were able to maintain their jobs for 90 days or more. October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness month, their office counselors nominated an individual they have worked with and are now employed and doing well. The client will receive the Bob Knab Inspirational Award, who was a past DVRS client then became a DVRS counselor.

Les stated he'd like the WDB members to be informed as to what our partners do and he'd like to plan for WDB members to visit their facilities in 2020.

Les stated the recent MEGA job fair was a success, the job seekers appeared prepared. Michelle stated she felt the same about the recent job fair and heard positive testimonials from a lot of the participating employers.

Les will be attending Superintendent's Round Table to speak to the Superintendents regarding Nex-Gex partnerships.

A motion for adjournment was made by M. Girone, seconded by S. Hart.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff