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Atlantic County Workforce Development Healthcare Committee Meeting August 18, 2021 One Stop

Attendance

Francis Kuhn Samuel Wear, Shelia Quinn ,Gina DeMao, Greg Freelon Joe Ingemi Lillian Smith Dan Kelly Sherwood Taylor Paul McClellan Michele Savage and John Fata

Minutes

The meeting was called to order @ 2:30pm by Mr. Kuhn.

Mr. Kuhn introduced all the WDB members present and two additional participants to the meeting Mr. McClellan the Business Services Representative for the New Jersey Department of Labor Employment and Michele Savage Deputy Department Head at Meadowview Nursing Home.

Mr. Kuhn requested a motion on the floor to accept the minutes from July's meeting. Moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes were accepted.

Mr. Kuhn offered to reach out to Allied Health to assist with the shortage of Registered Nurses.

Mr. Kuhn shared that Atlantic County will be removing conservatively 8200 participants from unemployment the 4th of September in Atlantic County. He is requesting from the membership ways to identify job assistance as we work with job placement and development in preparation for people coming to the One Stop.

The One Stop is currently trying to complete job matching in conjunction with the John(The Department of Labor Employment).

Ms. Smith shared with group about having a great need to fill positions and the list is online.

Mr. Kuhn requested a list of job opening from Ms. Savage and Ms. Smith.

Ms. Savage expounded on workers leaving due to Covid and could not provide a list that could fill over 32 open positions.

Mr. McClellan shared the State has a large database of current people collecting unemployment and can share what employers are looking for right now. He hopes more people will be interested in returning back to work after the pandemic. His department will assist Meadowview in job placement. He points out that it's been approximately 20 years since we've had a problem like this. Ms. Smith stated that Atlanticare is experiencing the same problem.

Ms. Smith offered to forward a list of positions to Mr. Kuhn to distribute during the Atlantic City event. She made a request to let the everyone surgical tech positions are 400 hours and

Regarding Healthcare positions availability the numbers are very low. Mr. Kuhn would like to track the numbers from the Oner Stop. Ms. Savage shared the number of vacant positions available. 17 CNA positions 2 Housekeepers, LPNS were added Per Deims staff. They also have a program through PREN that is provided by a grant that may increase youth participation. Atanticcare has

open positions with a starting salary is \$15.00 and up. Several members were offered an opportunity to provide input they did not. Ms. Quinn stated that Stockton's Nursing Program is fully enrolled (4-year BNS program) with 20 people on the waitlist for next year. No Articulation Agreement with ACC, it was confirmed that Rutgers has the Agreement. Mr. Kuhn mentioned a tie into Surgical Tech and Central Service Technicians. Sterile processing is in great demand with only having a requirement of four months of training.

Mr. Kuhn questioned payment of second year of Nursing School for participants. It has been confirmed that US DOL will allow WDB to provide assistance.

Mr. McClellan mentioned an event once provide a list of job openings. Mr. Kuhn mentioned a Chick Fila event on 24th and combining a virtual event for Meadowview's staffing needs.

Motion to conclude meeting by Ms. Smith second by Wager.

Meeting adjourned 3:10pm

Next Meeting November 11, 2021, 3pm