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Atlantic County One Stop Oversight Meeting Minutes January 26,2022

## Attendance:

Fran Kuhn Sherrise A. Moten Dhara Bechman Anne Dillion Nina Stolzenberg
Jim Waters Nina Stolzenberg Forrest Gilmore MaryAnn McGhee Paul McClellan

John Fata Ren Parikh

**Absent:** Mark Ford Riaz Rajput Stephanie Koch Gerald DelRosso

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kuhn at 3:05pm.

Approval of 10/21/21 minutes: motion by Mr. Garvin second by Ms. Bechman. No objections with three abstentions. The motion passes.

## **One Stop Activity Updates:**

Mr. Kuhn shared that the One Stop Center is open by appointment only, it appears that the general public is not aware. One of the events will be a live virtual employment orientation at the One Stop Center. The team will be using WebEx to make it interactive. Paul M. confirmed that each participant will have to compete a registration form.

Mr. Kuhn shared the Employment Numbers with the committee:

OJT	ITA	WFNJ
35	43	52

Mr. Kuhn shared information on transition services. Transition planning is connecting similar jobs with OJT. When the community works with an employer, the objective is only to give that person work experience. Mr. Kuhn wants to help candidates that qualify for transitional services, that have little works experience/history to share in this portfolio. OJT registered apprenticeship and incumbent worker training will be discussed. The only difference in the programming is that the employers is not obligated to hire the individual.

Mr. Kuhn also shared that WDB have (39) thirty-nine contracts in the community. It is important to work with the customer to develop a relationship with them.

Mr. Kuhn stated the creation of a labor pool "shelf ready". The One Stop Center can provide several candidates that are ready to be interviewed.

Mr. Kuhn confirmed the activity level is down. The learning link is open.

**WFNJ Contract**: Are out in the community. We are looking for bids for face-to-face operation. He shared its two 500,000 contracts for an 18-month period. Please check the portal.







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The SYEP grant was presented in January. Mr. Kuhn stated it's a good proposal. This is an 8 week- 25 hours per week program with \$13.50 wage. Mr. Kuhn stated that submissions are required no later than February 4<sup>th</sup>. It can only be completed with WDB and One Stop Career Centers.

## **Work Based Learning:**

The State has given us more funds for dislocated workers for work-based learning. We can establish a referral process to identify talents.

## **Providers Updates:**

Boys and Girls Club: Is starting a second phase of occupational training and workforce development. It will be 8-12 weeks. They will have nurses on site from Atlantic Care. They have hired a Director of Behavior Health Services and a Case Manager.

Anne Dillion: Confirmed that students are receiving workplace learning. They have six positions that they are working on with students.

Darah: Confirmed the students are meeting the benchmarks. She discussed the differences with the testing systems and would like to improve enrollment procedures. She ordered 50 exam vouchers that IDEAL still has not received. The mail services are very slow which might be the cause for the delay. Darah included updates on training entrepreneurship participants. Mr. Kuhn confirmed the state is looking into future training in this area.

Nina S. Jewish Family Services is working on the Pathway for Recovery Grant. They are working with the Out of School youth contract. She confirmed the jail is in a Covid shut down.

Mr. Kuhn confirmed the work activity will resume February 1<sup>st</sup>. The One Stop will be working with Mr. Gilmore's Department. Paul M. will work his staff Monday's and Friday's and will increase scheduling appointments based on participation.

Mr. Kuhn closed with the importance of the ETPL process and how it could take up to six-month to get processed.

Mr. Kuhn discussed the reallocation of funds and the letter circulated by Mr. Fata on spending. WDB will be looking to expand the Summer Youth Program with this reallocation.

Paul M. submitted his state report including information on NST's.

The meeting was concluded at 4:05pm.

Motion to adjourn by MaryAnn M. and second by Paul M.