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Atlantic County Workforce Development

One Stop Oversight Committee Minutes

April 29, 2020

Members Attending:

Dasha Brown	Michael Dunne	Natalie Devonish	Stacy Forman
Jasmine Laramore	Paul McClellan	Kim Love	Marian Woodson

Fran Kuhn

One Stop Operator's Report:

Marian Woodson presented the monthly performance report. She mentioned that there has been little to no activity since the governor ordered everyone to stay home in mid-March. Ms. Woodson presented year-to-date numbers for employment and training, TANF Participation Rate, New Jersey Youth Corps, Career Beacon Workshops, YouthWorks, New Jersey Youth Corps and WFNJ-“ To Work” Activities. As is indicated in the report, with all services shut down, and no indication of when the services would be resumed, there is little to report for the current time.

Director's Report:

Fran Kuhn stated that the current situation with contracted providers limits the amount of access to customers and subsequently service provision. He explained that all staff at the One Stop are operating on a staggered, reduced schedule, primarily focused on maintaining contact with the current customers. In relation to the Individual Training Agreements, NJDOL has waived the 60 day requirement for placing classes in an on-line format and have been approving increased numbers of on-line classes from private career schools. The list continues to grow each week.

Mr. Kuhn also mentioned that the state had posted a COVID 19 jobs portal indicating that there were better than 50,000 jobs posted state wide. He also indicated that the Business Service Rep had relayed that the three Village Shoprite stores were in need of 30-35 employees to assist them with the store services. He stated that he would forward that information to the people on the call.

Provider Updates:

Providers on the call discussed a number of different ways that they continued to provide services to the customers they currently had relationships with. Shortly after the imposition of the stay-at-home order, the agency had requested that each contracted service provide a plan that outlines how they are continuing to provide services to the customers, as it would justify continuing payment for services. All providers submitted plans describing various processes to engage customers including Google Classroom, Zoom groups, telephone interactions, dropping off packets of information to those that did not have technology. All of them indicated that they were committed to continue to provide services during the pandemic.

Overall, the providers indicated that they were able to maintain ongoing relationships with a substantial number of the customers through the virtual environment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted