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Atlantic County Workforce Development

One Stop Oversight Committee Minutes

October 14, 2020

Members Attending:

Dasha Brown	Natalie Devonish	Fran Kuhn
Paul McClellan	Jim Waters	Marian Woodson

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the April meeting were reviewed. Paul McClellan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Waters. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Fran Kuhn reported on the circumstances that led to there being no contracted service providers participating in the Oversight Committee meeting. He explained that the prior contract had expired on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and plans to establish new contracts continued to be delayed because of the virus. After approximately six weeks of continuing delays that included a lack of guidance and direction as to how best to deliver and document services to the public assistance population, the lack of funding for WFNJ services and the inability to identify and refer customers for work-activity related services.

Prior to the end of the program year, the agency had submitted and scored the proposals for the coming program year, however, when DOL was unable to provide guidance and unable to provide funding for the program, ACWDB was forced to eliminate all scored proposals because of the substantial changes in the service-delivery picture and the lack of funding.

In April of 2020 the Department of Human Services and the Division of Family Development established waivers for all sanction activity for public assistance recipients with a presumptive good cause exception for the Corona Virus. As a result, all work activities must be provided on a voluntary basis. Atlantic County received its WFNJ allocation in the last week of September, but has not established the mechanism to deliver voluntary services. Mr. Kuhn did indicate that he was working with the community college on a hybrid service that could engage voluntary public assistance customers in job search/job readiness activities.

Currently the primary activity of the WFNJ staff is to conduct job matching and labor exchange services with the known TANF, GA and SNAP customers.

One Stop Coordinator's Report:

Marian Woodson, contracted One Stop Coordinator, reviewed all pages of the report:

The TANF Work Participation Rate is very low, as a result of the lack of mandated service requirements and sanctioning.

Additional data was provided for related agency services. This data is included in the attachments to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned following the data presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Kuhn