

**Monmouth County Workforce Development Board
Minutes of September 5, 2019**

Members Present

Robert Connolly, Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee
Brian Wallace, Trustee
John Brown
Paul Dement
Wyatt Earp
Chris Femiano
John Gagliano
Kay Harris
Dallas Hlatky
Rene Kurowski
Tim McCorkell
Violeta Peters
Susan Rakoci-Anderson
Joseph Robinson
Robert Shimko
David Stout
Judy Van Brunt
Benjamin Waldron

Members Absent

John Ciufu
Stephen Hornik
Roseann Isasi
William Salcedo
Jeffrey Schwartz

Staff Present

Larry Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera

Guests

Cheryl Meyer, Ocean County WDB
Dr. Joan Scocco, Brookdale Community
College
Mignon Glenn, NJLWD
Sharon Cypress, NJLWD
Joseph Senerchia, MCVSD

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- Robert Connolly, Chairman of the WDB, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the WDB office in Eatontown, NJ.
- N.J. Provisions of the Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and its revisions, were satisfied by publication of a Public Notice in Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger newspapers.
- Introduced the following new WDB members:
 - Kay Harris, Asbury Galleria;
 - Dallas Hlatky, Smith;
 - Joseph Robinson, CentraState Healthcare System.
- The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders appointed all three new members to the WDB board on August 20, 2019.
- Included in the meeting folders was a list of all the WDB committees and the names of all the WDB members that are currently participating on committees. Mr. Connolly asked all those members that are not participating on committees to kindly look over the list. If any member is interested in volunteering on getting involved in any committee, they are to reach out to Rob Connolly or Larry Sternbach.

ROLL CALL:

- Attendance was taken with sufficient number of WDB members present to constitute a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Connolly entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 WDB meeting. ***Ben Waldron made a motion, which was seconded by John Gagliano to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 WDB as written and distributed. No corrections or changes were offered, and the motion was unanimously approved.***

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Lawrence Sternbach, Executive Director of the WDB, presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the following:
 - Funding Comparison, which showed an increase in funding allocation from \$4,592,107 for PY'18 to \$4,648,457 for PY'19 – an increase of \$56,350.
 - Dashboard (financial status of program funding for the period of July 2019 through June 30, 2020)
 - Performance Measures for PY'18
 - PY'19 Division of Workforce Development Programs:
 - Adult & Dislocated Workers
 - Job Search Workshops
 - Individual Training Accounts (ITA)
 - Cohort Training (MS Office)
 - Job Development
 - Youth
 - Work Readiness
 - High School Equivalency (HSE/GED)
 - Work Experience
 - Workfirst NJ
 - Basic Remedial Education
 - Occupational Training
 - Community Work Experience
 - PY'19 Budget
 - PY'19 WDB budget was reviewed and approved by the Board.
- Pathways to Recovery Grant Update:
 - Total amount of grant is \$650,000 to serve 100 residents
 - The grant will provide employment and support to individuals and families who have been impacted by opioid use.
 - Program started in June 1, 2018 and will end on November 30, 2020.
 - Currently 38 individuals being served to date.
- Monmouth County Fall Job Fair:
 - The Monmouth County Job Fair will be held from 10 AM to 1 PM on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Collins Arena at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. This event is being hosted by the WDB in partnership with the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Monmouth-Ocean Development Council, Brookdale Community College, and NJ Department of

Labor & Workforce Development. Over 150 employers are registered to attend this event.

- Alumni Awards Luncheon:
 - The Annual Alumni Awards Luncheon will be held again on October 16th from 11:30 – 2:30 at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune. There is no charge for this event. All board members are encouraged to participate in this event to hear all the success stories.

PRESENTATIONS – “Building the Pipeline”

- Timothy McCorkell, Superintendent of the Monmouth County Vocational School District and Joseph Senerchia, Director of Student and Special Services gave a presentation on the various programs the Monmouth County Vocational School has to offer in order to meet the needs of Monmouth County students aside from the vocational training programs:
 - Articulation with colleges and technical schools
 - Internship programs for real life experience
- Dr. David Stout, President of Brookdale Community College and Dr. Joan Scocco, Dean of Continuing & Professional Studies, Brookdale Community College gave a presentation on Brookdale Community College. Following are some of the efforts Brookdale Community College is doing to prepare students for the workforce.
 - Engage Stakeholders such as employers, faculty, students, workforce boards and industry associations and chambers of commerce;
 - Create more seamless pathways from workforce credential to degree credential i.e., educational alliances, embed credit in workforce training, sponsor application to degree program for workforce training completers, apprenticeships and work-based learning, and expand trade offerings such as CDL and welding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- In the interest of time, the WDB Chairman stated that a summary of the all committee reports was emailed to the board prior to the meeting, and it was also included in the meeting folders.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monmouth County Job Fair – September 27th – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Collins Arena, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
- Alumni Awards Luncheon – October 16th – 11:30 AM – Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune
- WDB General Board Meeting – December 5th – 10:00 AM – WDB Office, Eatontown

ADJOURNMENT:

- *There being no further business to come before the WDB, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM upon a motion from Brian Wallace. The motion was seconded by John Brown and unanimously approved.*