

**ABILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022, AT THE WDB OFFICE (ZOOM)**

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE INFORMATION AND ATTENDANCE									
Name	Organization	Trustee Member	9-Sep-21	14-Oct-21	18-Nov-21	13-Jan-22	10-Feb-22	10-Mar-22	
Cirii, Frank	Camden County One-Stop	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Deitz, Jeffery	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	✓							
Donato, Carl, Interim Chair	Wawa	✓		X	X	X	X		
Forman, Lois	Jewish Family & Children's Service		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Freire, Edison	JEVS Human Services		X	X			X	X	
Fugee, Antoinette	Center for Family Services		X						
Galvin, Tim	Cooper University Healthcare						X		
Hale, Dawn	The Arc of Camden County						X		
Lucas, Angela	JEVS HireAbility		X			X			
Marks, Karen	Jewish Family & Children Service of Southern NJ				X		X		
McClintock, Monica	Rowan University		X		X	X	X	X	
Mills, Jay	NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired								
Scott, Jessica	The Arc of Camden County		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Smith, Veda	Camden County Independent Living Center								
Taguwa, Denise	LWD-WDB Coord + Support								
Tyndell, Maurice	BestWorks						X		
Veneziani, Jennifer	Program Planning and Development Specialist, DVRS								
Levitt, Alex	WDB Staff		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Swartz, Jeffrey S.	WDB Staff		X		X	X	X	X	
Vaughn, Debra	WDB Staff						X	X	

WELCOME

Carl Donato, Interim Committee Chair, is on vacation. Jeff Swartz greeted all those in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 8:37am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

For the first order of business, Jeff asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022, meeting. Edison Freire made the motion, seconded by Frank Cirii. Monica McClintock clarified that the upcoming Tri-Star non-profit event in July, mentioned during the February meeting, is a conference for non-profits that will also provide a networking opportunity for them. The motion carried with a majority vote to the affirmative and the minutes for February 10, 2022, were approved.

PTSD EVENT UPDATE

• Food & Beverage

A continental breakfast including fruit will be served. Three of the four Camden County Boathouse's approved caterers responded, with one being priced well over acceptable expense. Andreotti's Catering was voted as the caterer for the event.

• Agenda

Captain. Timothy Galvin, MSN, RN, CCRN-K emailed a revised draft of the event agenda, which was shared with the committee. The agenda covers all but the last presentation, which is legal. The final part of the program, a legal presentation, has yet to be finalized.

• Videoconference

Two event presenters will only be available virtually. The means of virtual presentation is to be determined.

- Event Sponsorships

JEVS, Wawa, and Truist Bank are providing \$500 each for event expenses.

- Vendor Tables

Space for six or seven vendor participation tables will be provided. Among the vendors present will be Arc of Camden County, JFCS, JEVS, Goodwill and One-Stop.

- Flyers

Once the event agenda details are finalized, flyers will be produced and shared on social media and partner websites, and the information will be submitted for a press release. Lois added that Cherry Hill Library would also post the flyer.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Frank Cirii, One-Stop Career Center

- There is concern about the number of people who potentially may flood the One-Stop after hearing the news that UI will be seeing claimants, and that no UI employees will be on site to assist walk-in claimants to make appointment. UI will begin seeing people on-site by appointment beginning Monday, March 28, 2022. Their plan is to call claimants with trouble cases and schedule their appointments in 15-minute intervals with UI staff at One-Stop.
- Remaining State employees are returning to work on-site but are still only functioning virtually. County staff is providing customers with virtual and in-person services. Nidia has started basic skills and job readiness/job search classes with referrals from the Board of Social Services. Of 50 referrals, 7 or 8 people are currently still in the program, which Frank stated is the normal show rate for the GA community. Things are slowly improving moving toward the Summer.

Lois Forman, Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS)

- Soups & Sweets is starting to transition its first in-person group into job search status. The Job Board is going well and there are openings posted in the Jewish Federation and at JFCS. Among the jobs posted is Director of Human Resources with the Jewish Federation, Project Search positions, and a Development position.
- JFCS' "Stepping Out" fundraising event will be held outdoors in May and will be in-person.

Jessica Scott, Arc of Camden County

- Arc has several job openings for full time Employment Specialist positions. They are also actively interviewing for Benefits Counselors because they are inundated with benefits referrals.
- A "Designer Bag Bingo" fundraising event will be hosted by Arc on March 26, 2022.
- For Tri-State, there will be a meeting with the Workforce Readiness Committee regarding a virtual job readiness event on March 22, 2022. A professor from South Jersey College will present on various websites, hire-ability and how to prepare a resume. She offered to share the information when the flyers are completed.
- Lois Forman offered to post Arc's open positions and job readiness event on the JFCS Job Board and Jeff Swartz offered to post the openings and the event on CCWDB's social media.

Monica McClintock, Rowan University

- Tri-State HRMA is hosting their annual conference, in-person, on the May 5, 2022. The conference is an all-day, in-person event. Keynote speakers include Jack Gottlieb, CEO of Total Solutions Group, Rich Miller, former CEO of Virtua and Joe Devine, former CEO of

Kennedy. There will be a limited amount of people, and registration can be done at <https://tristatehr.org>. Jeff offered to post information on CCWDB's social media sites.

Jeff Swartz, CCWDB Update

- WDB continues to promote the ACE Initiative for individuals 18 years of age and older. Classes will begin in mid to late April. Information sessions continue.
- The WDB received notification of a grant award for the Summer Youth Employment Program. There are slots for 45 young people aged 16-24, who reside in Camden County. The program will offer 7 weeks of employment and a 1-week education/job readiness training session.

Alex Levitt, CCWDB – Youth One Stop Video

- Alex stated the Summer Youth program is seeking employers in the southern region of the county. He also noted anyone interested in attending the Quarterly Board Meeting on March 2, 2022, can email him for an invitation to the virtual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff requested a motion for adjournment. Monica made the motion, seconded by Frank. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01am.

NEXT MEETING

The next Abilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 8:30am. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Submitted by,
Debra Vaughn
Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director