Meeting Minutes

Disability Committee Meeting

May 3, 2023

Disability, Committee
Matt Putts, Chair

Attendees:
Naira Aslanyan, Joe Barilla, Ellen Blake, Athena Borzeka, Victoria Bollhardt, Lindsey Crean, Laura Dicker, Maria Gatewood, Scott McGill, Rena George, Elizabeth Gloeggler, Amira Hassan, Virginia Michelin, Lisa Montalbano, Salvador, S. Moran, Jannie Pilgrim, Ann Marie Plesnik, Matthew Putts, Sakhu Qadriyyah, Beth Rodgers, Terry Schweon, Marc Schweitzer, Carmela Slivinski, Larry Walsh, Sue Zukoski

Agenda
1. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Report
2. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) Report
3. Relocation of DVRS/One-Stop
4. Newark Reginal Business Partnership
5. Other

Overview of the Employment and Training and One Stop Operator's services and resources for job seekers and employers in Morris, Sussex, and Warren counties.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Business Outreach Team's efforts to connect employers with qualified candidates with disabilities.

Update on the DVS Randolph County's initiatives and challenges in providing vocational services to veterans.

Update on The Arc of Morris County and its programs for people with disabilities. Camp program on a farmstead in Randolph offered this summer.

Success stories of Employment Horizons' clients who found jobs in various sectors.

Morris County Vocational School District's career and technical education programs and partnerships with local businesses and industries.

Discussion among the board members on various topics related to workforce development, such as:

- The need for more collaboration and coordination among different agencies and organizations serving people with disabilities.

- The challenges and opportunities of finding and retaining qualified workers in a competitive labor market

- The importance of raising awareness and promoting inclusion and diversity in the workplace.

- The potential benefits of expanding and enhancing career and technical education programs for students with disabilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m. Next meeting August 2, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.