



Stephanie A. Pratico, *Chair*
Kevin T. Casey., *Executive Director*

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

January 28, 2016

A regular public meeting of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Thursday January 28, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by Stephanie Pratico, Chair, who presided and read the Open Public Meeting Act and Council Vision. The meeting notice was published in the *Newark Star Ledger* and the *Trenton Times*.

Introductions/Announcements/Approval of Minutes

Announcement:

- ❖ Council Member, Myrta Rosa thanked everyone for announcing her birthday during the Consumer Caucus.

Minutes:

The minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting were distributed. Discussion: Chris Miller has an amendment to those minutes.

Action:

Motion made by Todd Emmons to accept the October minutes with the amendment, seconded and approved. The minutes have been approved and will be added to the website.

Public Comment ~ AM

- ❖ Lauren Agoratus was present and made a comment.

Committee Report

- Executive Committee report given by Chris Miller.
- Policy Committee report was given by Ellie Byra.

Presentations:

DVRS: Overview of Title IV of WIOA

(Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act)

Presented by Alice Hunnicutt, Director

Committee Report, cont.

Executive Director Report given by Kevin Casey

Kevin presented a PowerPoint presentation to the members on the 5-Year State Plan and the process.

Action:

Motion made by Bill Testa to move forward with the planning process as presented.

Discussion: Leah Ziskin would like to see health on the list of suggested priority areas; Joe Young would like to see special education as well. Kevin will create a result list for polling (survey) purpose and then have board members decide which a priority is.

Addendum motion made to adjourn for lunch and reconvene the discussion after lunch by Walt Fernandez. Seconded by Safiyyah Muhammad.

5-Year Plan Presentation continued after lunch:

Action:

Stephanie Pratico made a motion to amend Bill Testa's motion, to add healthcare as an additional priority. Discussion: Leah Ziskin thinks it would be a good idea. Motion seconded and approved.

Presentations:

Rutgers Research Project Update

Presented by Donna Van Alst, Natalie Aloyets Artel, and Julie Koivunen

Presentations:

Exploring Transition in New Jersey

Presented by Carrie Coffield

Public Comment: ~ PM

❖ None at this time.

Other/New Business

❖ None at this time.

Action

Motion made by Chris Miller to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Knox.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Self-Advocates, Family Members

Stephanie Pratico

Todd Emmons

Chris Miller

Myrta Rosa

Paul Blaustein

Safiyyah Muhammad

Ellie Byra

Andrew McGeady

Leah Ziskin

Tara Montague

Walt Fernandez

Absent Members

Russell Fried

Christine Pietrow

Gary Rubin

Guests

Carole Miller

Kevin Nunez

Tyree Clark

Tom Baffuto, Arc of NJ

Eric Joice, FRN

Lauren Agoratus, Family Voices

Stacey Callahan, Arc of NJ

Dan Keating, ABCD

Rebekah Novemsky, RFSPC #4

Nantanee Koppstein

Joan Migton

Inga Gillett-Spio

Wanda Mule

DD Act Agencies Representatives

Michael Knox, Ph.D., Deputy Director, the Boggs Center on DD

Joe Young, Disability Rights New Jersey

Government Agencies

No Representative, Department of Health

Liz Shea, Assistant Commission, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Alice Hunnicutt, Director, Division of Voc. Rehab. Services

No Representative, Director, Division of Disability Services

No Representative, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

No Representative, Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs

Public Member

William Testa, Arc of Morris County

Council Staff

Kevin Casey, Executive Director

Jacinta Brister

Frank Latham

Gail Furrer

Dennie Todd

Bob Titus

Jonathan Waller

Jaymes Brill