

# MINUTES

## Healthcare Advisory Committee

Date: 2/21/2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.

### I. Attendees

Ailyne Geneta Chair, Alaris Health, Cynthia Miller Passaic County WDB, Tanya DaSilva, Community College, Andrea Newton Passaic County Workforce Development Center, Ysis Baez Board of Social Services, Carolyn Anderson Health Institute, Gwen Morris Berkeley College, Rachel Peck The New Caring of Prospect Park Adult Medical Daycare, Jeffrey Peck New Bridge Medical Center

### II. Agenda Topics

Ailyne Geneta called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions.

### Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

### Employment Updates

Ailyne apprised the committee Dr. Chris Irving is no longer the Executive Director of WDB he has moved on to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for Passaic County and not sure who will replace him. Ailyne also mentioned the Chair of the WDB Full Quarterly Board resigned as well. Beth Marmolejos who is the Vice Chair was nominated to become the new Chair of the WDB Full Quarterly Committee. The WDB Full Quarterly Board will have to vote on a new Vice Chair at the next meeting.

Ailyne noted due to not having an Executive Director who was critical to the success of the fair because he offered transportation and made many contacts it would be best to postpone the Annual Student Healthcare Fair which was scheduled for March 14, 2018 until next year giving the new director time to get in place and a chance to adjust. Ailyne asked Cynthia to contact William Paterson University.

Ailyne noted she will be sitting in on behalf of Dr. Chris Irving for the Workforce Development Board at the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey (CIANJ) conference which will be on some changes in insurance. The conference is for NJ Health Insurance CEOs discuss Future of the Industry.

## **Employment Updates**

Carolyn Anderson Best Choice Home Care/Anderson Health Institute reported the following:

- Best Care have positions in Certified Home Health Aides, Nursing Assistant and also provide home care services and supplemental staffing for agencies who are short of Home Health Aides for Passaic, Bergen and Morris County.

Ailyne Geneta Alaris Health reported the following:

- Alaris has jobs for Dialysis Technicians and the Vent Unit is looking for nurses who are experienced with the ventilator. Alaris have positions for LPNs.

## **Q&A**

**Ailyne asked Carolyn if the Anderson Institute is still open and when and where are the nurses placed?** Carolyn explained yes she still has the school and the nurses are placed as soon as the courses are completed. The nurses are placed in various areas such as New Milford, Care One, Woodcrest, Lakeview and a couple in Wanaque starting at \$12.00-\$15.00 full time and part time positions.

Ailyne noted the committee will have to reach out to St. Joseph's Hospital for a representative to attend the meetings since Andrea is no longer working there and also contact Workforce Advantage to send a representative as well.

Jeffrey Peck New Bridge Healthcare reported the following:

- New Bridge Healthcare which is the old Bergen Regional emphasizing on hiring veterans. The jobs are being tailored for the veterans in all positions in healthcare such as RNs and LPNs etc.

Ailyne suggested Jeffrey to contact Walter Toombs of One-Stop Employment Services who is the contact person for employers looking to hire and/or recruit. Cynthia will give Walter the contact information for New Bridge Healthcare and Walter will contact Jeffrey.

Committee had a discussion on the process for training and certification and the different issues that may hinder the acceptance and or completion of the courses to become a Nurse/LPN to BSN etc. Committee also discussed the merging of the schools such as Hackensack-Meridian and Setan Hall and the name changes of many of the hospitals as well as merging and coming together.

Gwen apprised the committee Berkeley College will be hosting a Healthcare Career Fair on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Registration is not required.

Ailyne noted the next scheduled meeting for the Healthcare Committee will be on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9:30 and if anyone needs anything to contact Cynthia or Dorothy. Ailyne noted she can also be contacted if needed.

**Wrap-up**

**Meeting Adjourned** 10:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting May 16. 2018**