



Hackensack  
Meridian *Health*

JFK Johnson  
Rehabilitation Institute

Interface Meeting Agenda : April 5, 2018

1. Final preparations for Career Options Day

- Kelly Service has agreed to participate and provide the resume review workshop throughout the morning. A second firm, YCS was introduced by Glenn Best. Sandra nominated Lisa Alexander of Ace the Resume, who also agreed to be part of the resume review team. Lisa has also offered to run a workshop on interviewing skills which will be held in a separate classroom in the morning
- Companies are still being recruited. List of those registered are attached.
- Amazon has not agreed to be present, but asked their staffing agency Fedcap, to participate as their silent recruiters for people with disabilities in their special program format.
- Plaques have been ordered for the honorees.

2. Program Updates

- High School Career Development Program continues to receive students and referrals.

12 students will graduate in June

An inquiry by Elizabeth schools was made as to JFK's ability to accommodate deaf students. A consultation is scheduled tomorrow with a representative from the Lexington program Ed Faver.

Dance was snowed out on March 5th, rescheduled for April 20

Year-end trip scheduled to Philadelphia

➤ Training Programs

Lab Program is in negotiations with Legacy Meridian to merge into their Florence Cook Lab Sciences School. Will seek accreditation under the JSUMC banner through NAACLS.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**

Two students are graduating next week. Candidates are being enrolled for the next class starting April 30 if enough students are enrolled.

Participating in the Bio-NJ Career Fair at Rutgers next week, 4/12.

Computer Application Training Program has dropped to a census of only a few adults. Most students presently are the high school CDP students. Recruitment and publicity efforts are under way to boost enrollment for both training programs.

Minutes: February 2018

March Meeting Cancelled – Inclement weather

Members Present: Sandra Ciccone, Bert Kormann, Ellen Kurtz  
Glenn Best, John Bourbon, Ed Hoff, Donna Scalia, Emily Viola, Ed Faver,  
Mavis Johnson

Following introductions, the meeting consisted of two discussions

➤ CAREER OPTIONS DAY PLANNING

1. Several members suggested that the governmental partners be provided with space in a separate room where more individualized attention can be given to guests that have questions. The classrooms can be used for that purpose where the EPA may discuss with guests how to explore federal jobs on USA.Gov, and to learn about career options. Similarly, the County representative from One Stop agreed that a space would provide a more private consultative discussions with those seeking information about training and other job seeking and preparation opportunities
2. The media preparation for COD was discussed. The state LWD calendar will be utilized for publicizing the event. A radio program will also be secured to discuss the event. The Board inquired about the most prolific company that Vocational Rehabilitation has worked with, i.e. most hires. LabCorp being the single largest hiring group was suggested to be the focal point of this year's media story written by the JFK Public Relations Consultant. The Lab Program staff will be asked to identify a strong individual hired at LabCorp that would be a shining ambassador for the program.
3. Two companies were identified to be honored for their service to the department and the people in the community with disabilities. **Walgreens** has hired several individuals and allowed for many internships at their stores throughout the Middlesex/Union area. The group will be honored and the managers from each of the stores will be invited to participate. Second, the **YMCA of MEWSA** has been providing internship opportunities for 12 years, helping our students to try their hand at working in several local childcare centers.
4. The flyers used for advertising the Career Options Day need to be updated and will be reviewed and prepared in the coming weeks.

➤ LABORATORY ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

It was announced that the relationship with the new leadership and HR at LabCorp has been maintained. The company is agreeing to continue providing internships for our students, and subsequently hire those that demonstrate the skills to meet the company needs.

Minutes prepared by Bert Kormann

Registered Exhibitors COD 2018

Ace the Resume  
Advanced Manufacturing Talent Network, hosted by NJMEP  
Beasley Media Group  
Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, Inc.  
Community Access Unlimited  
Council for Airport Opportunity  
Disability Rights New Jersey  
Div of Vocational Rehabilitation, Central Office, Middlesex, Union  
Empowerment 1st Group  
Family Resource Network  
FedEx  
Fedcap  
Foley Inc  
Hackensack Meridian Health, Johnson Rehabilitation Institute & Medical Center  
Health Care Talent Network  
Investors Savings Bank  
Ironbound Community Corp.  
Kelly Services  
Magic 98.3  
Middlesex County Office of Workforce Development  
Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce  
NJ Transit  
Unitex/ Coat , Apron and Linen Supply  
Veterans Administration  
Walgreens  
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