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## Interface Advisory Board Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2019

### Members present:

Emily Viola-PSEG, Miles, Brackman, Sandra Ciccone- Middlesex County Workforce Development Louis Hoffman – NJ TIP, Elizabeth Parker – NJ TIP MSW Intern, Glenn Best – Delta T Group, Essex County Work, Ed Faver – Mgr. Union County DVRS, Mavis Johnson EPA,, Marc Schweitzer-DVRS Business Unit, Tara Moses, George Noll, Ed Lloyd, Ellen Kurtz, Bert Kormann (on Skype) – JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, Voc Rehab,

### CAREER OPTIONS DAY: Update on workshops:

1. Glenn's staff is on for Dress for Success Workshop
2. Emily agreed to present a slide show on preparing for an interview
3. Still waiting to hear from Kelly Services regarding resume writing workshop. There is a long history of this COD service being very helpful to participants. Last year it was relatively quiet, lines not as long.
4. State website is being replaced. If it is up and going we will reach out to state to provide training.

Registration is slower than last year. To date 7 vendors have signed up. Glenn knows that some of his contacts who did not respond. Sandy's contact is reaching out to Coca Cola.

We will continue to explore Company websites and their QR Code to the COD marketing equipment.

### **Program Review**

**High School CDP:** Many of the students currently in program are very low functioning, requiring very careful matching. Staff uses Internships in the community so that employers familiarize with their abilities and "person" hood. Most of the 7 students graduating this year are in at least one internship in a community business or organization. Board was asked to always keep on the lookout for such companies. Update on these graduates. One is already employed by her mentorship as an animal assistant at St Hubert's. Two students beginning their orientation for OTG at Newark Airport. Security training to begin on March 8. Another student going through training at Turtle Back Zoo to be a docent and maybe a paid summer employee.

Bert explained the use of the Bright Brain system that enables students to open new brain pathways. We are trying to lease the system.

**PRE-ETS Program** (under development): The Voc Rehab staff are working on a proposal to submit to NJ DVRS. The new service offers the JRI staff to go into schools for pre-employment services.

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**Presentations** Ed Lloyd described the MOS Certification for CAT students. George talked about the new certification currently offered by the lab. Elizabeth announced that Middlesex County is exploring their needs for the next 10 years via small group discussions. Individuals may host a party in their home. Elizabeth or someone from her office will be a facilitator.

Brief tour of the lab and CAT after our formal meeting. Thanks to our wonderful hosts.

Respectfully submitted,

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