

Interface Minutes: February 7, 2013

Present: Ellen Leinfuss, Anne Schiadaresis, Ed Hoff, Vicky Gaddy, Myrna Pinckney, Ellen Kurtz, Bert Kormann

Welcome

- Career Options Day
 - Members requested Flyer and packet to be emailed again – done.
 - Discussed schedule,
 - Exhibitor set up needs to start 7:30, Exhibit hall opens 8:30 for guests
 - 9 am 1st workshop – Ed Lloyd, CAT, Electronic Applications
 - 10am 2nd workshop-Matt Alcalde BioNJ, Social Media/LinkedIn
Handouts needed for best job boards.
 - Continuous workshop – Resume critiques; Kelly Service/PTC
Therapeutics- Karen Koubek
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 - Breakdown 11:30 – 12:00 Guests directed to lunch at Café or Brown bag
 - Speaker JJ, Boyd Melson 12:00 – 12:45
 - Transition Panel 12:45 – 1:30

Members discussed topics to be shared by panelists, currently consisting of DVR, invited Ellen Leinfuss (parent/employer point of view), ADA Luke Kopich, Boyd Melson can be asked to stay,

Group suggests that the following message needs to be conveyed to students.

Elevator Speech

Importance of networking

Personal responsibility

Slides needed to highlight points / visual presentation

What an employer will expect of you

Panel should be videotaped

Vicky Gaddy recommended reaching out to Shore HR group for participation.

- Board Report was shared with members. Highlights discussed briefly were the service levels of 2012, Satisfaction scores in the 90's for all services.
- Ellen Kurtz informed the Board that JFK will be providing space for and participating in an EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR FAIR. The new parent support group called Parent Advocates of NJ was formed within the last year. Andreas Siragusa is the founder and director; he has been working with Ellen, Bert and Claudia Sommerer to develop the plan for the March 16th Saturday event.
- Ed Hoff introduced the group to the existence of the Home Schooling group online at JerseyHomeschool.net. It may be a potential resource for JFK CDP.
- Ellen & Myrna discussed the issue if the high number of high school drop outs in NJ as a highly underserved population. Also discussed was the upcoming change to the NJ General Equivalency Diploma (GED), which will be discontinued in its present format at the end of 2013. It will become increasingly difficult to obtain GED's.
- Ellen reported that there have been a large number of high school student referrals and visitors to the Edison campus. The Brick campus has not had the same level of activity, however March and April are filled with many transition fairs that Bert will be attending to recruit new students.
- Vicky Gaddy announced the BioNJ Human Resources Group meeting at J&J on 3/11/13. JFK/Bert is invited to attend; by Vicky's recommendation to continually provide those companies with information that can benefit them (employees from lab program) and benefit JFK by getting companies to participate in the Recycling program run by the students.

Vicky recommended videotaping the students active in the recycling project to publicize.

- Ellen shared information about a graduate that trained in a food service program in New Brunswick, Elijah's Promise. The student brought in a pizza he made for staff.
- The Board was reminded, as Harriet always did, that JFK is prepared to assist our Interface member companies with assistance, speakers or other needs that the hospital can provide.

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