



# JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute

Interface Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2015

**Members Present:**

Myrna Pinckney, NJ DVRS  
Luke Koppisch, Alliance Center for Independence  
Anne Schiadaresis, NJ DOL  
Stefan Walus, Loewes  
Ellen Kurtz, JFK Vocational Rehabilitation Clinical Supervisor, Edison  
Bert Kormann, JFK Vocational Rehabilitation Clinical Supervisor, Brick

Meeting was called to order at 9 AM in the Rehab Medicine Conference Room  
The minutes of our June 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted.  
Stefan Walus of Lowes Home Improvement has joined our group after being an exhibitor at Career Options Day this past April.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Program Review.**

**Lab Assistant Training Program**

One student currently in program and we expect 4 more in our next calss.

**Computer Applications Program**

There has been an increase in the number of referrals to CAT.

**Career Development Program – High School**

As always our high school graduation was extremely movng. JRI's medical director Sara Cucarello, graduate, and staff participated.

Recent referrals were noticeably more challenging than in the past. Case managers from same schools are referring.

Twenty nine students participated in the Edison ESY Program. OT focus during ESY was on travel training. Trips into the community this summer included Tomahawk Lake, NJ State Museum, Middlesex County Fair.

Forty-one students are in the September –June program in Edison. Due to low enrollment we had to close the Brick program.

**Career Development Program – Adult**

Referrals for the 10 Day Vocational Evaluation continues to increase. It is a really good "value". We continue to build our relationship with the Commission for Blind and Visually impaired.

We are hosting 2 Open House events, September 16th for the training programs at Talmadge Rd., and October 23rd for the Evaluation and Career Development Program

Luke Koppisch spoke about the Disability Pride Parade and Celebration in Trenton on October 2nd. We are taking a busload of students and staff to the event. It is an opportunity to learn about advocacy and meet with Exhibitors. JFK will be one of the exhibitors.

Next Meeting: October 1 ; Rehab Medicine Conference Rm., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Johnson Rehabilitation Institute.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Kurtz, MEd MA CRC LRC, Clinical Supervisor, Vocational

Rehabilitation Dept. P: Interface / 2015 Meeting Minutes / September Meeting Minutes