



## Interface Advisory Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2019

### 1. Introductions

Stephen Ogden, Ed Hoff, Ed Faver, Sandra Ciccone, Mavis Johnson, Myles Brakman, Gail Komleski, Louis Hoffman, Ellen Kurtz, Bert Kormann

### 2. Guest Speaker: Comcast / Xfinity representative Kimberly Smith

Kimberly shared information about Comcast's initiative to make Internet service available at \$10, and refurbished PC's or Laptops at \$150. They are made available under the [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com) program for people on most social support programs.

### 3. Breakfast of Thanksgiving

### 4. Introduction of CDP High School Student / Graduate 2020

Zachary S.

Speech, Resume, Q&A

### 5. The Board members had many comments and recommendations for

Zachary, including that he should add some of his personal traits on his resume. Particularly mentioned was the trust placed in him by the supervisors he works with and the patient information he is privy to.

### 6. After meeting the student, the Board members started a discussion about the increasing number of students that the Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. serves. Many of the members had first-hand experience they shared in their industries. Staff shared that the department has been scheduling in-services often on ASD. Spoke about the most recent one last month where we learned about Specialisterne USA. The Board members were supportive of maintaining the relationship with the company that works to secure IT/Programming related jobs for young people with ASD. It was agreed that when such higher level jobs can be secured, a 'trickle down' may occur for more challenged youth when companies begin to become aware of the various talent levels available to them.

That company will be invited to Career Options Day.

Next meeting is scheduled a week later than usual on January 9, 2020. Submitted by: Bert Kormann

## Interface Agenda – January 9, 2020

### Program Reports

a. Career Development Program – High School  
Mentorships: Raritan Bay MC, Childrens Specialized, Scotch Plains YMCA, Trinitas, Riverview MC, Walgreens,

b. Career Development Program - Adults: <sup>15</sup>~~14~~ Participants

c. Vocational Evaluation – Increase in referrals – 9 for January 2020

d. CAT Program – **6 DDD, 4 DVR Students**. 6 CDP HS Students

e. Lab Program – 3 Graduated, 3 Hired, LabCorp Hire at 32.

2 New clients started training; one that saw the news piece last month

7. Career Options Day 2020: Date May 1

8. Invited to Interface:

HMH Office on Inclusion & Diversity

Village Supermarkets Inc

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