

Interface Advisory Board Meeting Minutes; October 2, 2014

Present: Myrna Pinckney, Myles Brackman, Ed Hoff, John Bourbon, Julie Piano, Bert Kormann, Ellen Kurtz,

1. Introductions

Welcomed Myles Brakman, Social Work Director, Maimonides Medical Center  
Welcomed Julie Piano, Middlesex One Stop Center Manager

2. JCAHO

The JFK Medical Center just completed a survey by the Joint Commission

3. CARF

Vocational Rehabilitation and 2 other departments are scheduled for CARF Survey on October 16 & 17. Staff have been preparing for 6 months. The Vocational Evaluation Services are under review for a 3 year renewal.

4. Word on the street OFFCP 7% Rule

Board discussed that there has not been any talk regarding the Dept of Labor Rule of March 2014 that 7% of hires in every job category should be people with disabilities, or the candidate pools must be representative of individuals with disabilities.

Ensuing discussion revolved around prior such rules handed down by the state and federal governments, such as bidding processes. Board members suggest that it takes extensive time for new rules to become part of the workplace culture.

5. Program Updates:

High School Career Development program: 40 students are enrolled in Edison, 3 in Brick, nearly equaling the number that were in program last year. Referrals are still being received.

Adult Career Development program: This year to date the number of adults is 55% ahead of 2013 and at the current enrollment pace may nearly double. Staff reported that visits to the DVR Offices in adjacent counties have resulted in the increased referrals.

Vocational Evaluation: Increase in young adults, increasing number graduated from public school without IDEA transition services that occur 18021 years of age.

Computer Application Training Program: Census of adults lower than last year but classes have a mix of adults, high school students from CDP, and currently 2 DDD clients.

Lab Assistant Training program: Most recent class was delayed in start due to no referrals. There are two possible candidates, next class to be started when students are enrolled.

Next meeting scheduled November 6, 2014

Minutes Submitted by Bert Kormann, JFK Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. Clinical Supervisor