



County of Mercer Workforce Development Board

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Brian M. Hughes
County Executive

Keith Secret
Chairperson

WDB Health Care Committee ♦ Kathy Fiery, Chair

July 20, 2022 (Zoom) - 12:00 p.m. ♦ Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Kathy Fiery (NJ Health Care Association), **Andrea Bash** (MCCC), **Keith Secret** (Kinetics Industries, Inc.), **Lisa M. Williams** (Maplewood Assisted Living@Princeton)

Staff: Virgen Velez, Maribel Duarte

Welcome – Kathy Fiery, Chair

Kathy thanked Lisa Williams for attending; she's a great leader on the national level in regards to assisting living. Self-introductions were made

Review/Approval of May 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Secret; seconded by Kathy Fiery. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Update: Committee Member Recruitment

A recruitment committee has been developed to assist in recruitment efforts for both the Board and committees.

Update: One Stop Activities – Virgen Velez

PY 2022 programming began 7/1/22

Focus for PY 22 is to implement a pre-apprenticeship model that combines technical instruction with a work-based learning opportunity i.e. Internship, OJT, etc. – no cost to employers; looking to partner with MCCC & MCTS. A Career Fair is tentatively scheduled for end of August/beginning of September to provide information to jobseekers on careers & training opportunities through the One Stop.

Note: CDL has been the #1 training program since the onset of the pandemic

Update: MCCC Allied Health Activities – Andrea Bash, MCCC

DOH training for CNA instructors will occur August 15-18; registration filled quickly with approximately 25 individuals

- Training is not provided often enough and the requirements are stringent

- Mercer County does not have sufficient instructors, while other counties have instructors but no demand
- Virgen will outreach to colleagues in other counties (Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean) to determine if they are facing similar issues
- MCCC is hoping to expand their current partnership apprenticeship model; all contingent on availability of instructors.
- Long-term care & Assisted Living facilities are experiencing same hiring challenges
- Kathy will reach out to DOH again to try to identify any potential instructors
- Kathy stated that their yearly convention is tentatively scheduled in-person in October
- Keith recommended bringing all of these hiring issues to the NJDOL to ensure a coordinated effort

Member Discussion

The frequency of committee meetings will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Announcements/Events

Several staff changes have occurred at the One Stop on the MCOTES sides.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Meeting Dates: 3rd Wednesday on bi-monthly basis (12:00 p.m. – 1: 00 p.m.)

Next Meeting Dates:	September 21, 2022	January 18, 2023
	November 16, 2022	March 15, 2023
		May 17, 2023

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