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## **WDB Health Care Committee ♦ Chairperson: Kathy Fiery**

**January 17, 2023 12:00 p.m. ♦ Zoom Meeting Minutes**

### **In Attendance**

**Kathy Fiery**, Health Care Committee Chair, (Health Care Association of NJ); **Andrea Bash** (MCCC); **John Brzyski** (Meadow Lakes); **Lisa M. Williams** (Maplewood Senior Living)

**WDB Staff:** Virgen Velez

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kathy Fiery opened the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m. and welcomed the group.

### **Review & approval of September 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Brzyski, seconded by Andrea Bash. Motion passed and the minutes were approved as circulated.

### **Update: One Stop Activities - Virgen Velez**

- Summer Youth Jobs Program
  - Level of Service (LOS) was 110 but we served 130
  - Most youth earned around \$3,000.00
  - 53 employer partners
  - Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) for Summer 2024 has been released - we intend to apply
  - We will contact an entity in Hightstown that works with youth to help them graduate & find summer employment to see if they are willing to identify the youth they are currently working with and employers.
- Job Fair - October 2023
  - 80 employers, 350 job seekers
  - Next job fair is in May 2024

- Training
  - Training Orientations have continued with an increase in customers attending
  - Orientations are every first & third Tuesdays for youth and second & fourth Tuesdays for adults
  - We have experienced challenges with the ETPL (Eligible Training Providers List) as providers are facing difficulties in obtaining approvals (customers cannot attend an institution that is not ETPL-approved). We will follow up with NJDOL

#### **Update: MCCC Allied Health Activities - Andrea Bash**

- MCCC has a meeting set up for their next round of funding - currently for Trenton residents only
- Information sessions at One Stop Training Orientations did not get a good turn outs for their information sessions. Increased & joint marketing will be explored
- CNA industry is not doing very well, they are in need

#### **PY 2023 - 2026 Committee Goals**

- Increased membership - Need for representation from one of the area hospitals was raised with the Benson Transition Committee responsible for WDB/One Stop

#### **Announcements/Events**

- Health Care Association Spring Symposium - March 2024

**Next Meeting Date(s): 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Quarterly 12:00 - 1:00. Additional meetings as needed PY 2023 (7/1/23 - 6/30/24)**

**May 15, 2024**