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## WDB Health Care Committee ♦ Chairperson: Kathy Fiery

**September 18, 2024 12:00 p.m. ♦ Zoom Meeting Minutes**

### In Attendance

**Kathy Fiery**, Health Care Committee Chair, (Health Care Association of NJ); **Alix Fellman** (Trenton Neighborhood Health Team); **Keith Secrest** (WDB Chair); **Andrea Bash** (Mercer County Community College); **Eddie Roberts, Jr.** (Mercer County Office of Training and Employment Services)

**WDB Staff:** Virgen Velez, Christian Estevez

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kathy Fiery opened the meeting at approximately 12:07 p.m. and welcomed the group.

### **Introductions:**

- Kathy Fiery introduced herself & her organization & her role as Committee chair
- Other members of the committee introduced themselves
- Virgen Velez introduced incoming WDB Director, Christian Estevez
- Christian Estevez introduced Eddie Roberts, Jr. who is the new Director of the Mercer County Office of Training and Employment Services which has been awarded the contract to be the Mercer County One-Stop Operator and will deliver Career Services for the Mercer County WDB.
- Missing partners were noted, including Mercer County Technical School and Capital Health.

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

- Summer Youth Jobs Connection
  - It is our 6<sup>th</sup> year operating the program
  - Serving youth 16-24 years of age in Mercer County
  - 140 students enrolled and 47 employer partners
  - Some participants are continuing until October.
- Job Fair - October 16, 2024

- CURE Arena, Trenton
- 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- One-Stop Orientations starting up again soon. Hope to return to in-person orientations.

### **Update: Mercer County Community College**

- CNA Classes
  - 8 students currently enrolled in CAN Classes
  - 10 students expected to be enrolled in next round
  - JKC Center working on getting inspected so they can train there again.
- Open House – November 6, 2024
  - Credit and Non-Credit Courses
  - A couple of classes recently started
- Kinder Smile
  - Scholarships from TNI
  - Classes at 101 North Broad Street, Trenton
  - Dental (No Credential)

### **Committee Goals**

- Christian Estevez discussed idea of Healthcare Apprenticeship
- Incumbent Worker Training
  - Training up (i.e. housekeeping to EKG, CNA tech, etc.)
  - LPN's are coming back to hospitals and still in demand in long term care facilities
  - Discussed career pathway of CNA to LPN to RN to MRN

### **Announcements/Events**

Healthcare Association of New Jersey Conference  
 Atlantic City, NJ  
 October 29-30, 2024

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Quarterly 12:00 - 1:00. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed

PY 2024:            December 18, 2024        March 19, 2025            June 18, 2025