

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL  
**Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers**  
**3-26-2012 Meeting Minutes**  
**Adopted by the Task Force Members 4-2-2012**

**The third meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Task Force Members Present:**

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee  
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee  
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee  
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson as follows:

"I hereby call to order the March 26, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, NJSA § 10:4-6 et seq., of the State of New Jersey entitled, "Open Public Meetings Act. " Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were published in the Star Ledger, Trenton Times and Camden Courier-Post. The notice was also published on the New Jersey Department of Human Services website and the Department of Human Services' Facebook page. This statement hereby serves as the "statements in minutes of meeting on adequate notice" in compliance with NJSA § 10:4-10. "

**Roll Call** Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Valessa Goehringer, Colin Newman, and Nancy Thaler. All responded in the affirmative.

**Adopting of Minutes:** Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Colin Newman addressed the audience and thanked them for their attendance. He explained that the Task Force members take their charge very seriously and are visiting all seven developmental centers along with group homes to assist them in reaching a conclusion.

**Documents** Task Force members were provided the following documents:

- Updated Department of Health Survey results for the last three years where an Immediate Jeopardy was declared or a DC was found to be out of substantial compliance with a Condition of Participation.
- Updated Geographic Preference data to reflect the number of Olmstead eligible individuals who would move to the community where the closing DC is located.
- The ambulation and communication ability of individuals residing at each DC by percent related to census.
- The average number of people per month for 2011 that are currently living in the community and receiving services at a DC including the type of service received.
- The average number of people per month for 2011 that received respite services at a DC.
- The number of Full Time staff at each DC and the county where they reside.
- Percentage of the total budget dedicated to staffing in DCs and community residences.
- DC Infrastructure Costs FY 2013 – FY 2015
- Division Circular regarding Transfers to Other Developmental Centers.
- Quality Enhancement Procedure #17 – “Inter-Developmental Center Transfers
- New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) report on individuals residing in DCs.
- Life After North Princeton – Final Outcomes

The Task Force had requested information on economic development that occurred following the closure of other DCs and psychiatric hospitals both in and out of New Jersey. The only information available is provided in the Life After North Princeton report that was provided and the leasing of the The Learning Center on Vineland Developmental Center’s now closed West Campus which has been leased to a private school.

The Task Force also requested information about any known desire for the land where a DC is currently located. It was shared with the Task Force that no information was available as developers typically would not

approach the State regarding a property if there was no indication that the property was or would become available.

**Panel Presentations:**

Panel 1- Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities:

John Seifried, Olmstead Project Manager  
LeeAnn Zawatzki, Program Assistant, New Lisbon Developmental Center  
Jessica Anastasi, Chief, Bureau of Guardianship Services  
Sara Sylvestri, Quality Assurance Specialist, North Jersey Developmental Center

Panel 2 – DC Family Associations

Joanne St. Amand, Woodbridge Family Association President  
James Mastropolo, New Lisbon Family Association  
Caroline Conkling, North Jersey Family Association  
Phillip Metta, Green Brook Family Association President  
Vito Colletti, Vineland Family Association  
Delores Thomas, Woodbine Family Association  
Cindy Bartman, Hunterdon Family Association

Panel 3 – Olmstead Families and Consumers

Anthony Williams, New Lisbon Consumer  
Anna Sottile, Green Brook Consumer  
John Gallagher, Parent of Vineland Consumer  
Rose Gallagher, Parent of Vineland Consumer  
Deborah Legutko, Parent of Hunterdon Consumer

**Meeting Conclusion:**

Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on April 2, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Capital Place One.

**Submitted By:**

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