

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
4-9-2012 Meeting Minutes

The fourth meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 11:00 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 April 9, 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.”

Notice 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 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, Colin Newman, Nancy Thaler and Valessa Goehringer. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes Nancy Thaler moved to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Task Force members were provided the following documents:

- Copies of all correspondence received by individual Task Force members or DHS/DDD staff from interested constituents
- Copies of all testimony to be heard at the April 9, 2012 meeting.

Panel Presentations Panel 1- Economic Forecast:
Jennifer Cleary, Senior Research Manager,

John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Charles Richmond, Deputy Commissioner
NJ Department of Community Affairs
Caren Franzini, CEO, NJ Economic Development Authority

Panel 2 - Unions

Carolyn Wade, President, CWA, Local 1040
Sherryl Gordon, Executive Director, AFSCME, Council 1
Gerald Newsome, Vice President, IPFTE, Local 195

Panel 3 – DHS

Katherine Fling, Director, Office of Project Management and
Construction

**Open Public
Testimony**

After a brief break, the Task Force began hearing testimony from anyone interested in presenting. Below are those individuals who provided remarks in order of their presentation:

Robert Jones, GO Team President and New Lisbon Developmental Center (NLDC) resident
Senator Jeff Van Drew, Legislative District 1
Leonard Polizzi, Parent of Hunterdon Developmental Center (HDC) resident
Elaine Ferguson, Vice President HDC Family Association,
Peter Banos, Brother of Woodbridge Developmental Center (WBDC) resident
William Cahill, Brother of HDC resident
Joseph Falca, Brother of WBDC resident
Geoffrey Dobrowsky, Uncle of HDC resident, VOR representative
William Testa, The Arc of Morris
Peg Kinsell, Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
Kathryn McGill, Parent of WBDC resident
Joanne St. Amand, President WBDC Parents Association

**Meeting
Discussion**

There was a brief discussion regarding the procedure to analyze and process the information the Task Force has gathered thus far. Clarification was requested from the Attorney General's Office related to the process for developing the draft report.

**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 30, 2012 Capital Place One, Conference Room 100, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By

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