

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
6-18-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 7-23-2012

The seventh meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 10:00 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 June 18, 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 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, Nancy Thaler, Valessa Goehringer and Colin Newman. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the April 30, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Nancy Thaler 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 prior to or at the meeting:

-Residential Choice Survey Letter dated April 24, 2012 from Joanne St. Amand.

- Summary of information requested regarding Factors C & D from the Task Force legislation
- Revised Overview of Developmental Centers further explaining Operational Needs of the Department of Human Services related to each DC.
- Department of Health Survey Results
- The number of Division of Developmental Disabilities employees eligible to retire (age 55 or greater with 25 years of State service).
- Department of Human Services employee attrition rates.
- Full-time DC employees by county of residence.
- Number of admissions to DCs 2005 to present.
- Detailed DC Census FY 2008 to present and projections for FY 13 and FY 14.
- Declining DC Census beginning 12/31/01 through present.
- Pace and Success of Olmstead Placements.
- Community Services Waiting List data.
- Economic Forecast for all counties in New Jersey.
- News Paper Articles entitled:
 - Human Services Firm Hiring; plans job fair, Daily Journal, May 18, 2012
 - South Jersey tops nation in jobless rate, but sees employment grow in first quarter,
 - Job fair hires dozens for health-services field, Daily Journal, May 22, 2012
 - New health center planned in V'land, Daily Journal, May 2, 2012
- Copies of all correspondence/documents received by individual Task Force members or DHS/DDD staff from interested constituents.

**Meeting
Discussion**

Task Force members were informed that DHS and Medicaid employees were available in the audience to answer any outstanding questions related to the documents provided. In attendance was:

Dawn Apgar, Deputy Commissioner;

Patricia Howell, Assistant Director for Developmental Centers;
Shawn McInerney, Assistant Director for Community Services;
Katherine Fling, Director, Office of Property Management and
Construction, and
Karen Brodsky, Chief of Managed Care Contracting.

The focus of the meeting was to ensure that the members have the information necessary for each of the five factors included in the Statute to proceed with deliberations and decision making. Questions raised by the members were addressed and necessitated revision and re-issuance of the following documents:

-Revised Overview of Developmental Centers further explaining Operational Needs of the Department of Human Services related to each DC to include:

- the number of two story buildings at North Jersey DC and the number of residents living in those buildings, and
- the number of residents living in the two “Step Down” units and in the Moderate Security Unit at New Lisbon DC.

-Department of Health Survey Results as the heading for the columns was hidden which raised confusion for the members.

The following additional information was requested to be provided to the members prior to the next Task Force meeting:

-Department of Health reports related to the complaint surveys conducted at Vineland Developmental Center in February 2012 and June 2012.

-The number of employees that will be eligible to retire effective April 30, 2013 and April 30, 2014.

-DRAFT Introduction portion of the report to include background information. Comments will be provided to Barbara Booth prior to or at the next meeting.

**Meeting
Conclusion**

Colin Newman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Task Force scheduled for July 2, 2012 was cancelled due to a number of scheduling conflicts. The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on July 23, 2012 at Capital Place One, Conference Room 100, beginning at 11:00 a.m. An additional meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By

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