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National Emergency Grant and the Business Development Committee Meeting
One Stop 2 South Main Street Pleasantville New Jersey December 2th 2016 9am

Attendance:

Rhonda Lowery Stephanie Koch Eric Reynolds Joe Kelly Jim Drew

Minutes:

Call to order by Mr. Joe Kelly and the minutes were approved. Ms. Lowery distributed the ACNEG committee proposal that is addressed to Dr. Aaron Fichtner, Commissioner. Mr. Joe Kelly commented that the letter is very nicely done and is hopeful of a positive outcome. Ms. Lowery stated that the funds for NEG are good until December 14th 2016. We currently have \$2.9 million available. I will be attending a meeting on December 8th 2016 with the Commissioner. It's my intention to talk with him regarding these funds after the meeting. I will email the letter to Dr. Fichtner prior to the meeting. Mr. Eric Reynolds stated that this is not too different than what Mr. Kelly had previously. Ms. Lowery stated that we made that known in the proposal letter that if they wish to discuss this with the committee we would make ourselves available. Mr. Joe Kelly stated that we should have a backup strategy just in case.

Ms. Lowery states that OJT funds are available if we should need additional funding. However we would like permission to use the \$2.9 million to implement our plan for ACNEG. Our next step is to get the approval from the State. At that point we can get the ball rolling regarding the RFP. The easiest and quickest way would be to do an Inter-Local agreement/contract with Mr. Sherwood Taylor from ACCC. Then the Wrap-Around services will be negotiated by ACCC whomever they deem appropriate to provide these services. Mr. Reynolds asked if ACCC can do everything that is in this plan, Ms. Lowery responded no, but they can negotiate with other entities to provide the services that they are not able to provide. Mr. Kelly states that this is the greatest path of least resistance. The college, ACCC needs to be made aware that we are an Advisory Council working with them to service Atlantic County. Ms. Lowery added that this committee would have to oversee this plan; it is our hope that the college agrees to facilitate it. Ms. Koch asked what involvement ACCC has now. Ms. Lowery responded that ACCC is doing ABE/ESL Literacy classes. Mr. Kelly added that the challenge may be employers as they must be engaged. Mr. Reynolds asked which agency is going to facilitate Job Readiness. Ms. Lowery stated that the One Stop can do it however the college could do it also. If we can move forward Mr. Kelly should begin to get the college and the committee together to start to put the inter-local agreement together so that if and when we get the approval from the State, we can things in motion within a few days. Basically we should move forward. Ms. Lowery will speak with Mr. Taylor and report back to the committee. She will also send an email copy of the proposal letter to the committee today.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 20th 2016 @9am at the Atlantic County One Stop Career Center.

Meeting adjourned 9:45am

