

Title of Meeting: Healthcare Workforce Committee
Date: January 13, 2016 **Location:** AtlantiCare/Airport Commerce Center
Member Attendees: Lillian Smith
Members Guests: April Jetter
Proxy: Jocelyn Parker for Dr. Phil Guenther and Rachael Schmitz for Dr. Nancy Hudanich
Staff: Daniel J. Adams

Topic	Recommendations/Discussion
Welcome	Lillian Smith welcomed the group to AtlantiCare Airport Commerce Center and called the meeting to order at 3:07pm. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.
Partner Updates	<p>Racheal Schmitz reviewed the status and the programs at Cape May Tech. Currently there are 21 students enrolled and an expected completion date of June 2016. Ms. Schmitz reported that another clinical rotation is coming up next week as the current class is finishing up the psychiatric rotation this week.</p> <p>Joycelyn Smith reported on the activity at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) and specifically the LPN Program. A discussion followed on “hands-on” experience in the programs within the Nursing Home environment. While the academic piece of the program is on-going, it was noted that the ‘hands-on” experience piece will go away at the Academy of Health Sciences. There are 39 students enrolled in the LPN Program at ACIT. The Med-Surgical rotation has just started. It was noted that the ACIT course work and curriculum is modeled after the Monmouth County program. Testing is a key element in the program to ensure progress is being made.</p> <p>Lillian Smith reviewed the merger of AtlantiCare with Geisinger Health System. Ms. Smith noted the text number that can be used to get wait times at the Emergency Rooms and the new App available for patients with disabilities to assist them with managing their care. It was also noted that CHOP pediatricians are available at the Egg Harbor Township location and the Life Center at the Tropicana Hotel Casino in Atlantic City.</p> <p>Ms. Smith also noted that AtlantiCare is hiring BSN’s for the open nursing positions as there is currently an overload of available candidates.</p> <p>Ms. Schmitz inquired as to whether Geisinger is hiring any LPN’s. Ms. Smith noted that there is a transitioning period and there are issues to be resolved. She also noted that AtlantiCare, which was a 5,000 employee organization, is now part of a 29,000 employee health care system.</p> <p>A discussion followed on various issues with Shore Medical Center, Inspira and the Cumberland County WDB. It was noted that Inspira is not accommodating CMC Tech for the “hands-on” rotations. Issues involving scheduling at the various institutions were discussed. It was noted that both Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College were absent and did not contribute to the discussion and the need for all organizations to work together.</p>

Old Business	Ms. Smith inquired as to the success rate within the various program and the percentage rate of students passing the Board Exams. Ms. Smith offered assistance and inquired as to how AtlantiCare can help.
New Business	There was no new business to discuss.
Adjournment	The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2016 with a location to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm