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Business NEG Committee Meeting January 27, 2017 Pleasantville One Stop

Attendance:

Terri Lutz	Mike Greco	Alan Beatty	Joe Kelly
Eric Reynolds	Jean McAlister	Stephanie Koch	Rhonda Lowery

Staff:

Alicia Oatman

Minutes: Approved by Mr. Alan Beatty and Mr. Mike Greco

Ms. Rhonda Lowery received the NOO and will submit to the Freeholders agenda. Mr. Sherwood Taylor has revised the budget to meet the State's criteria. Mr. Kelly gave a recap of the NEG process. Ms. Lowery will complete the Inner-Local agreement with ACCC as this will allow us to begin the program. Ms. Lowery also has a list of names from the dislocated workers at the Taj Casino. Mr. Beatty stated that since we have the list how do we capture the customer and Ms. Lowery responded that the list of individuals are those we are targeting. Mr. Kelly added that the college (ACCC) has a plan however the key is to reach the dislocated worker preparing them for the employer. We also should consider workshops of 50 people at a time. We thank Ms. Lowery for all of the hard work and efforts that her along with the staff to assist us in accomplishing our goal with this targeted population. Ms. Terri Lutz is going to try and obtain a list from her corporate office and Ms. Lowery will also contact Caesars Casino. During the Oversight Committee meeting it was mentioned that vendors are not getting referrals however as we move forward in this endeavor that issue will be eliminated. Mr. Kelly asked if there are any other requirements from the State and Ms. Lowery responded that we will have a staff person in Atlantic City 4 days per week to facilitate and customers will have to participate in eligibility. Mr. Greco asked what the salary range is for displaced workers and others entering the program. Is it more than unemployment? There are many variables making this a hard question to answer. With benefits for many ending, this is a good time for a jobs program.

Mr. Beatty asked about employees from the other casino closings and Ms. Lutz stated that they seem to be off the radar. Ms. Lowery may possibly have a list of those individuals as well and this may be good to do an outreach with them. Ms. McAlister asked are we addressing all levels of workers; we should work to encourage career advancement. Ms. Lutz stated that the issue is that there are a large number of people that do not pass the required drug screening to obtain gainful employment. Mr. Kelly stated that customers should be made aware during orientation

that drug screenings are required. Ms. Lowery informed the committee that we must serve all customers not to separate.

Mr. Kelly stated that the next step is implementation. Ms. Lowery added that this committee is now to be the Overseer of the implementation. Mr. Beatty, Stockton University, AC Chamber, and Mr. Eric Reynolds are going to work on the employer side. Mr. Beatty asked that AC Chamber and Mr. Reynolds create a data bank of employers with available positions.

Mr. Reynolds stated that we need to also develop a program for those that are not ACNEG. The questions was asked if there is a data base for none NEG participants and Ms. Lowery responded that the One Stop OSOS system has information on any person that receives any type of service in the One Stop however we cannot distribute this information but one of our staff persons can and she will speak with the Training Unit Supervisor to see if we can. Mr. Beatty asked if the employers will have a different reimbursement model and Ms. Lowery stated that it may not be too different than the current.

There is no new business therefor the meeting adjourned @9:30am. Our next meeting is scheduled for 2/24/17 @9 am.

