

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
4-2-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 4-9-2012

The fourth meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 9:00 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 2, 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. 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 and Valessa Goehringer. All responded in the affirmative. Colin Newman arrived shortly after the roll call.

Adopting of Minutes: Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. Members voted 4 to 0 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 2, 2012 meeting.

Panel Presentations: Panel 1- Provider Associations:

Thomas Baffuto, The Arc of NJ Executive Director
Laura Williams, Executive Director, The Arc of Ocean County
Kim Todd, CEO NJACP
Patti Carlesimo, Executive Director Ladacin Network
Carmine Marchionda, Executive Director Spectrum for Living
Dr. John Winer, NJACP

Panel 2 – Self Advocacy Groups
Kate Blisard, Seeking Ways Out Together
Darlene Larue, Seeking Ways Out Together
Gary Rubin, Self-Advocacy Network
Kim Coll, GO Team
Todd Emmons, Self-Advocacy Network

Panel 3 – Federally Mandated DD Agencies
Joseph B. Young, Executive Director Disability Rights NJ
Alison Lozano, Executive Director DD Council
Deborah Spitalnik, Executive Director of the Boggs Center

Meeting Conclusion: Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Colin Newman seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on April 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Capital Place One, followed by open public testimony beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support