

New Jersey State Employment & Training Commission
Disability Issues Committee
The Leadership Council for DiscoverAbility NJ
Meeting Minutes
The Arc of Middlesex, North Brunswick, NJ
June 7, 2012

Welcome and Introductions

Judy Formalarie welcomed everyone to the meeting and had everyone introduce themselves. She made a special introduction of Neha Ghosh, who is an intern for the SETC from Douglass College at Rutgers University. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved by all.

SETC Updates

Judy Formalarie explained that the SETC was in the process of working on the New Jersey Unified State Plan along with all of our state partners. She explained the purpose for the plan and mentioned that disability issues were included in the plan. She invited everyone to take part in the public forums or read the plan once it is completed and released on the SETC website. Public comments will be taken for 30 days.

World Café

As this day's meeting was held as a 'World Café', Michele Martin led the group explaining what that concept is and how the morning would be run. The main topic for discussion was *Employment First*. There were three rounds of questions for discussion:

1. What does *Employment First* mean to you?
2. How does *Employment First*/or how should it change our work?
3. What do we need to do personally to make change happen?

Each round of questions was discussed at a small table of approximately 4-5 people. As the question changed, the group makeup also changed so that a different set of people discussed each question. Each table had a host who took notes, while each individual was also encouraged to write notes, thoughts, or ideas on the paper tablecloths on their table.

There was quite a bit of challenging thought brought forward from the various questions. Michele Martin guided the groups but let them each have their own conversations.

At the end of the meeting, Michele collected all the papers from the tables and will make notes on common topics, themes, concerns, and issues. We will review topics that were discussed at our next meeting on August 3, 2012.

Attendees

Paula Barber	Jan Goodman	Greg Makely
Brian Fitzgibbons	Jennifer Joyce	Cynthia Mapp
Judy Formalarie	Elaine Katz	Michele Martin
Lori Friedman	Ellen Kurtz	Nils Richardson
Joe Gazzara	Sandy LaCorte	Edward Sroczyński
Neha Ghosh	Kirk Lew	Susan Van Hook
Rebecca Shulman		