

Gloucester County Disabilities Advisory Council  
February 18, 2021

**Members Present**

Lisa Cerny  
Thomas Bianco  
Lisa Conley  
Bryan Miller  
Kim Quigley  
Graceanne Ryan

Patty Thomas  
Dennis McNulty  
Kevin Brown  
Joyce Feder  
Deborah Rabottino  
Andrea Rivera

Administration of the Oath of Office:

Kevin Brown, Joyce Feder, Bryan Miller, Kim Quigley, Graceanne Ryan, Dennis McNulty, Debbie Rabottino and Lisa Conley.

Motion for chair was made by Graceanne Ryan and seconded by Debbie Rabottino.

Nomination for chair Tom Bianco motion was made by Dennis McNulty and seconded by Kim Quigley.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kim Quigley to approve November 19, 2020, Graceanne Ryan seconded.

**Updates for 2021 Goals /Projects /Speakers**  
**Open Discussion for plans**

Lisa wants to set dates for 2021 events. Hosting a business card exchange as well as another job fair. Last year's job fair was a great success based on limitations that were present at the time.

Tentative timeline would be either July (virtual business card exchange), August (in person job fair) or August (virtual business card exchange), September (in person job fair).

The virtual business card exchange with Chamber will be utilizing a new virtual training platform that Economic Development is researching and currently phasing in.

Working with OEM on the Go Kits for May distribution before hurricane season that begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>. DAC would promote kits with hosting something once a week. Examples being: 1. Training on Register Ready 2. Gathering kits 3. Registering people 4. Handing out kits. Dennis (OEM) will get back to Lisa on this project.

Lisa ask how we can partner with the library. Kevin is open to any suggestions. The library is not currently holding in person meetings. They are offering virtual meeting rooms for public to access if requested. Kevin suggested looking on library website to see the list of programs available and how to attend virtually. Those programs would always be great to promote. Lisa suggested possibly holding user-friendly zoom trainings. A suggestion was made that the library could possibly host trainings on Economic Developments new virtual platform.

All DAC members agreed to continue holding DAC meeting via zoom.

Lisa and Dennis would like to put a survey out to consumers questioning whether they have or have not been vaccinated. Having this information could help establish vaccination clinic.

Updates from the agencies:

Kim (St John of God) school is open four days a week with one day closed for deep cleaning and for recess on the remote. DVD clients are still remote. DVRS is open.

Dennis (OEM) gave an update on how the mega site is doing an outstanding job. They are now doing 3500 vaccines a day.

Joyce (ACT) is helping on the Neuro Diversity project and is getting closer to the final draft. They are lacking recreation activities. Joyce would like some ideas or thoughts on what we have available through the county.

Debbie (ACT) they are still remote and will send out job fair date.

Bryan (Abilities) workshops are open and have increased the number of consumers. They are operating bi-weekly 4 days a week. 85% are still working. Bryan also wanted to share his experience with everyone on how impressed he was with the operation over at the mega site it was very well organized.

Graceanne (Hollydell) still remote and doing virtual lessons hoping for school to open March 15 in a hybrid setting. No date yet for day programs.

Andrea (DVR) we are still working remotely. Counselors are in one day a week the rest is remote, supervisor is in every day. They have moved over to the college

Kevin (Library) they are open to public Tuesday and Thursday with certain hours for the disabled 10-11am. Go on website for updates on what library is doing.

Lisa C (Arc Gloucester) achievement centers are still not open they are still doing virtual programming. They had a grand opening for their bakery and had a fantastic response.

### **Announcements:**

NO December meeting

### **Next meeting March 18, 2021**

A motion to adjourn meeting all in favor.