

# Toms River Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes 11/30/11

In Attendance: Fay Wilson, Regina Ferris, William Gaul, Patricia Hertz, Heather Valeo, Nathalie Soulier, Eric Joyce, Jane Tallman

Guest: Laura Speidel

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

The group was introduced to Laura from Loving Care.

Old Business:

1. The group discussed the December monthly meeting and decided to cancel that scheduled meeting.
2. Fay submitted the dates for the meetings for next year. The dates have not yet been approved from the township but the January meeting is currently scheduled for January 25, 2012.
3. Fay brought up the Information Fair. She recommends that if the committee is interested in changing the date to the summer, it should be discussed now. The group agreed that we should continue to host the event in October but look at changing the format.
4. Lumar Spiedel from Loving Care joined the committee to discuss the services her organization provides. Services are provided throughout the state and there is a local office here in Toms River. Loving Care provides private duty medical services for medically fragile children. They also provide HHA services for adults. They take Medicaid and all types of private insurance. The services are provided in shifts, not short visits. The shift consists of four hours of service at a time.

New Business:

1. Eric made a recommendation that we host the head of the division at one of our upcoming meetings so that she can discuss the changes in the division. The group agreed that we would like to promote this type of meeting and would like to hold it at

our February meeting on 02/29/12. Eric will speak with Dawn Apgar and let the committee know.

- a. Ideas for an agenda are for her to discuss what's new, what's coming, and then a very basic explanation of the waiver process
2. Fay discussed the upcoming elections. Jessica will become the new Chair of the committee and a new Co-Chair can be chosen. Fay asked the committee to think about volunteering for the open positions and she will send out an email asking for the group's thoughts.
3. Fay discussed the committee's resource manual and the need to update it. Bill will email the electronic version of the manual to Sue and she will have a volunteer fact check the current manual for accuracy. We will ask Rose to forward the list of vendors from the Information Fair to make sure they are included. If any members have suggestions for a vendor to be included, please email their contact information to Sue. Sue will bring the final draft to the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. The committee discussed developing a trifold for our committee. Allison volunteered to put this together. Fay will ask her to put together a draft for review.

#### Committee Representative Reports

- No new updates

**Submitted: William Gaul**