

Norristown CAC Meeting
8/22/2022 4pm to 5:15pm

- Shanae Stallworth
- [Mary Berry-Shields](#)
- [Jerome Greene](#)
- [Linda Carmona-Bell](#)
- Bill Beck
- Bonnye Kelman

Welcome and Introductions

- **Mary Berry-Shields**---Co-chair ...recruiting for another co-chair for the CAC, advisory committee for OVR, promoting initiatives and supporting goals
 - Started at AHEDD
 - Now working at Inspiritec, training and case management
- **Jerome Greene**--founding member of the CAC...background in IT, Wordpress/Web Development
- **Bill Beck**--original member/taking time off from CAC
- **Bonnye Kelman**--Special Education Teacher
- **Shanae Stallworth**-District Administrator of OVR; role to support Erin and keep group going; brainstorming ways to keep up the CAC without an active Chair; exploring new membership; CAC is viable and needed; helping to make OVR less confusing and more outreach to schools and community
- **Linda Carmona-Bell**--explored PA CAC and wanted to get involved ; youngest daughter wanted to use her voice to assist others; Began getting involved in Early-Intervention; Co-chair of Rights to Education, and other advisory committee through PA Department of Education, inclusion, community involvement; Passionate about supporting individuals through their transition...creating better and great opportunities for individuals; currently involved in Career REadiness in NJ...key project: Get students with more complex needs to get involved in career and technical education.

New Ideas

- Re-visiting the video project...how to create informational videos that help create a streamlined approach...challenge
- Could we create an “Advisory Paper....Myth Busters”
- Ideas on what type of content what we would envision for videos
- Looking at existing resources and extending it...creating a connection for stakeholders

- Testimonials, independent living ...outreach with customers and what they need and getting feedback
- OVR is trying to be more visible and more in touch with clients and agencies post-COVID.
- Attentive to new referrals
- New in-person outreach
- Re-opened office for in-person
- Career Link events, Transition Council Meetings, Agency Meetings,
- CAC continues to have recruitment issues...not enough members....figure out a marketing plan on how to recruit more members

Past Initiatives

- Job Fair
- Attended OVR Public Meetings

New OVR initiatives

- OVR...revisiting technology for virtual employment
- Rapid engagement with clients
- Financial needs determination raised...to help provide more services for more clients...minimizing contributions
- College tuition family contribution waived including certain caps...allowing additional funds being provided for more clients (next 12 months)
- Maybe OVR does more outreach regarding the CAC....could have virtual information session to reach out to clients for more information to generate interest
- Counselors could share information ...
- Leadership: OVR customers/clients
- Send Linda a copy of the by-laws to review
 - Linda expressed interest and was approved

Next Meeting: Nov 14, 2022 3pm

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- **For the next meeting, participants could brainstorm ideas for the “wish list” of OVR resources and information that we would love to have (through the lens of each stakeholder) to share.**