

BUSINESS FIRST COMMITTEE
November 12, 2008

Members Present

Mike Mendenhall, Chair
Stacey Smith, DVR
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Cindy Cliver, Abilities Center
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Manuel Biagas, NJLWD
Jerry Knast, St. John of God
Sam Leone, Business

Justin Kenyon, NJEDA
Quincy Lee, NJLWD
Allen Magid, GCC

Mike opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to approve October 7, 2008 minutes was made by Cindy Cliver.

Mike reported he utilizes the Co-Star software database to check status of lease information. There are a few companies whose lease will expire soon. Mike has sent letters to the companies and will follow up with the employers to whom he sent letters.

Mike sent general retention letters to several food companies – ViStar, Fine Foods, Rastelli, Alberts Organic, Goya, & LeBrea Bakery. He also sent letters to Tech Data, McKesson, Sew-Euro Drive, & EPHenry.

Stacy Smith, DVR, was in attendance representing Keith McDermott. She explained her role at DVR. Information shared with group may help with staffing of businesses in county. There are many untapped resources in the County regarding the hiring of the disabled.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff