



# COUNTY OF UNION

## Part C - GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUEST RESPONSE

Requestor: Tina Renna - UCWA

Request Date: 12/13/10

- Document(s) provided: e-file pages, at a total cost of: no fee. Last set of minutes available for UC Committees. cost: \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Service Charge imposed - Reason: \_\_\_\_\_
- Document(s) have been inspected by the requestor on the date shown below: \_\_\_\_\_ documents, \_\_\_\_\_ total pages
- Document(s) not provided (see below)

The document(s) you have requested that are checked below are NOT being provided because the document(s) are considered privileged or are otherwise exempt from public access, as provided by applicable law:

### Privileged or Protected Category

- Advisory, Consultative or Deliberative material
- Autopsy Photos / Video
- Attorney-Client Privilege Information
- Computer Security Information
- Criminal Investigatory Records
- Credit Card Numbers
- Domestic Security (Sabotage or Terrorism)
- Grievance Information with public employer
- Drivers' License Numbers
- Electronic Surveillance Materials
- Emergency or Security Information or Procedures
- Employee Sexual Harassment Complaints
- Fingerprint Cards
- Individual's Medical, Financial, or Tax records
- Insurance Communications
- Investigation in Progress
- Labor Negotiation Information (strategy or positions)
- Personnel or Pension Records
- Photographs of Crime Scene
- Proprietary Information
- Reasonable Expectation of Privacy
- Resumes of unsuccessful applicants
- Safety of persons or the public
- Security Measures and Surveillance Techniques
- Social Security Numbers
- Test Questions, Scoring Keys, or other Exam Data
- Victim records
- Record has been destroyed/not retained pursuant to:
- Other

### Authority for Denial or Redaction

- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 21 (McGreevey)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-19
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 9 (Hughes)
- Executive Order 26 (McGreevey)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-3.a
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10
- Executive Order 9 (Hughes)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 26 (McGreevey)
- Executive Order 69 (Whitman)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.
- Executive Order 26 (McGreevey)
- N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; N.J.S.A. 2A:82-46b
- Records Retention and Disposition Schedule

You have a right to appeal this decision that the documents requested are not accessible. You may take your appeal to the Government Records Council (GRC) or to the New Jersey Superior Court as provided by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6 and 7. Please see the attached "Part D - Procedures to Challenge Denial of Access to Government Records" and GRC information.

Date: 2/2/11

County Official

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received copies of, or have been permitted to view/inspect, the documents requested except for any documents specifically listed above on which a determination has been made that the documents could not be provided in accordance with applicable law. If any documents have not been provided, I have received information as to the procedures for an appeal of the determination.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor's Signature

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**UNION COUNTY COMMISSION  
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
MINUTES – November 20, 2010**

Attending:

Carolyn Vollero, Carol Lombardo, Joan Abitante, Nora Mislán, Jane O'Hara, Donna Brothers, Judy J. Gaudino

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Discussions were held regarding the upcoming Women of Excellence Dinner:

- Include membership flyer with the program, as we did last year - yes
- Maintain the same system of check in at door - yes
- See that publicity is in papers and our reserved date is placed on the County's events calendar, in order to avoid a conflict of events – Jane will follow up
- Ask attendees (on the flyer) for topics they'd like to see addressed by this group - yes
- Nomination packets will be sent out and commission members should be ready to discuss the nominees at the December meeting
- Invitation needs a bit of tweaking, some redundancy in the phrasing – will be further discussed.
- Based on actual cost of the dinners at the Westwood, bring the cost back up to \$45 or make it \$42? Will be discussed at later meeting, before going to print – no decision made
- Should separate invitation go to the organization that the nominee is connected/associated with? – will be further discussed.

Other items of note:

- The Freeholder Reorganization meeting is Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>
- List of invitees should be reviewed and revised as quite a few invitations are coming back as not forwardable.
- When appointments are made to the Commission, a formal letter of welcome should be sent with reminders of the meeting dates, to encourage active participation

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Next meeting; December 13, 2010

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol A. Lombardo, Secretary

**NOTE:** These minutes were approved at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

Chairman Timoni opened the meeting with the following statement:

“The Chair wishes to announce that pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A 10:4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Union County Planning Board has been given by mailing the 2010 annual meeting schedule to the newspapers circulating within the County of Union and designated to receive such notice, and by posting the 2010 annual meeting schedule with the Office of the County Clerk.”

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Timoni  
Ms. Gilbert  
Mr. Malone  
Ms. Geminder  
Mr. Dinardo  
Mr. Garrison

Absent: Freeholder Chairman Sullivan, Freeholder Jalloh, Mr. Mineo, Ms. McClave,  
Mr. D’Agostino

Staff Present: Manuel R. Grova, Jr., Esq. (via phone), Gary Weltchek

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Ms. Geminder and seconded by Mr. Malone to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting. All voted aye with Mr. Garrison abstaining.

**STAFF REPORT**

It was moved by Ms. Gilbert and seconded by Mr. Garrison to approve the Development Applications Report for the months of July and August 2010. All voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

At the July 14, 2010 meeting of the Board, authorization was given to Chairman Timoni to sign the updated Recreation and Open Space Inventory for the County of Union. A copy of the inventory is attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Ms. Gilbert and seconded by Mr. Dinardo to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Weltchek  
Secretary

**Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal  
 Recreation and Open Space Inventory  
 As of July 21, 2010**

	Municipal Location	Name	Former Block	Former Lot(s)	Current Block	Current Lot(s)	Acres		Funded/ Unfunded	Note
							By Lot	By Park		
1	Clark	Ash Brook Reservation	1	1	1	1	6.95		Unfunded	
	Clark	Ash Brook Reservation	1	3	1	3	50.5		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Ash Brook Reservation	12701	2	12701	2	3.95		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Ash Brook Reservation	13801	6	13801	6	2.04		Funded	
	Scotch Plains	Ash Brook Reservation	13901	3	13901	3	13		Funded	
	Scotch Plains	Ash Brook Reservation	13901	10	13901	10	9.61		Funded	
	Scotch Plains	Ash Brook Reservation	14101	1	14101	1	265.3		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Ash Brook Reservation	14201	1	14201	1	316.1	667.45	Unfunded	
	Kenilworth	Black Brook Park	4	1	4	1	18.56	18.56	Unfunded	
3	Springfield	Briant Park	98	1, 2, 3	1001	1	14.59		Unfunded	
	Summit	Briant Park	3	4	3801	1	0.19		Unfunded	
	Summit	Briant Park	3	5, 6	3911	1	14.54	29.32	Unfunded	
	Plainfield	Cedar Brook Park	365	18	721	1	1.2		Funded	
4	Plainfield	Cedar Brook Park	375	14	722	15	5.7		Funded	
	Plainfield	Cedar Brook Park	3019	33	733	21	0.4958		Funded	
	Plainfield	Cedar Brook Park	3019	27A, 28A, 29A, 34	733	22	5.82		Funded	
	Plainfield	Cedar Brook Park	3027	1	732	1	78		Funded	20
	Plainfield	Cedar Brook Park			50	5	3.6	94.82	Funded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			31	8	7.5		Unfunded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			33	5	15.3		Unfunded	
5	Clark	Clark Reservoir			33	7	0.77		Unfunded	68
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			40	24	1.267		Unfunded	68
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			40	24.01	0.21		Unfunded	68
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			42	87	1.33		Unfunded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			42	88	17.54		Unfunded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			42	89.01	19.2		Unfunded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			42	90	4.78		Unfunded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			52	11	13.5		Funded	
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			52	12	0.817		Unfunded	68
	Clark	Clark Reservoir			52	13	59.32		Unfunded	
Scotch Plains	Clark Reservoir			53	35	9.8			Unfunded	
	Clark Reservoir			57	1	2.08			Funded	
	Clark Reservoir			137.01	5	14.96			Unfunded	
Westfield	Clark Reservoir			5405	2, 3	2.17	170.54	Funded		

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6	Mountainside								
	Echo Lake Park	1	1	1	1	187		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	14	10	14	10	16,319		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	23.C	1	23.C	1	685		Unfunded	
	Westfield	350	Part of 3	1501	1	21.37		Unfunded	
	Westfield	350	Part of 3	1601	1	6.73		Unfunded	
	Westfield	350	4	1601	3	0.478		Unfunded	
	Westfield	350	5	1601	4	0.35		Unfunded	
	Westfield	350	6	1601	5	1.157	918.40	Unfunded	
7	Elizabeth								
	Elizabeth River Park	4	59	4	59	4.59		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	5	1262	5	1262	1.0606		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	6	834	6	834	1.699		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	6		6	835	0.702		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	6	1310	6	1310	5.014		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	6	1326	6	1326	0.4772		Unfunded	22
	Elizabeth River Park	6	1327	6	1327	0.2927		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	6	1328A	6	1328A	1.4628		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	6	1400	6	1400	7.4611		Unfunded	25
	Elizabeth River Park	7	39	7	39	0.7984		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	7	968	7	968	0.909		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	9	827	9	28,827	0.5544		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	9	860	9	860	0.85		Unfunded	26
	Elizabeth River Park	9	1228	9	1228	1.3884		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	9	1169.A	9	1169.A	0.3961		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	9	48	9	48	1.4938		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	9	543A	9	543A	1.26		Unfunded	
	Elizabeth River Park	9	546A	9	546A	1.26		Unfunded	27
	Elizabeth River Park	9	710.A, 738A	9	710.A	1.3		Unfunded	
	Hillside								
	Hillside	501	31	501	31	8.41		Unfunded	30
	Hillside	808	67	808	67	21.79		Unfunded	
	Hillside	809	13	809	13	0.483		Unfunded	
	Hillside	923	19	923	19	6.98		Unfunded	
	Hillside	923	20	923	20	3.37		Unfunded	
	Hillside	1305	43	1305	43	8.87		Unfunded	
	Hillside	1306	4	1306	4	46.66		Unfunded	
	Hillside	1306	5	1306	5	46.66		Unfunded	
	Hillside	1601	1	1601	1	0.35		Unfunded	
	Hillside	1601	3	1601	3	0.987		Unfunded	
	Hillside	1601	7	1601	5	0.2124		Unfunded	65
	Hillside	1601	7	1601	7	10.22		Unfunded	

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Hillside	Elizabeth River Park	1607	7	1607	7	8.51		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	101	5	101	5	2.2		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	102	1	102	1	7.2		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1405	36	1405	35	0.5		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1405	36	1405	36	1.5		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1405	38	1405	38	0.15		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1406	28	1406	28	16.5		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1501	79	1501	79	1.7676		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1501	80	1501	80	0.264		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1501	81	1501	81	5.7		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1508	1	1508	1	29		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1605	19	1605	19	0.03		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1605	46	1605	46	3.44		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1605	55	1605	55	0.03		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1605	57	1605	57	0.084		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1605	74	1605	74	4.88		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1806	8	1806	8	1.09		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1806	11	1806	11	0.0809		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1901	2	1901	2	27		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1902	1	1902	1	1.4		Unfunded	
Union	Elizabeth River Park	1903	7	1903	7	0.45	299.74	Unfunded	
<b>8</b>									
Union	Galloping Hill Golf Course	2620	1	2620	1	5		Unfunded	
Union	Galloping Hill Golf Course	3002	2	3002	2	2.6		Unfunded	
Union	Galloping Hill Golf Course	3003	1	3003	1	33.9		Unfunded	
Union	Galloping Hill Golf Course	3106	1	3106	1	32.2		Unfunded	
Kenilworth	Galloping Hill Golf Course	1	11	1	11	1.66		Unfunded	
Kenilworth	Galloping Hill Golf Course	184	3	184	3	226	301.36	Unfunded	
<b>9</b>									
North Plainfield	Green Brook Park			147	1	8.12		Unfunded	33
North Plainfield	Green Brook Park	170.02	15	170.02	15	16.8		Unfunded	
North Plainfield	Green Brook Park	171	1	171	1	24.16		Unfunded	
Plainfield	Green Brook Park	468	1	223	1	39.85		Unfunded	
Plainfield	Green Brook Park	435	72	230	72	9.99	98.92	Unfunded	
<b>10</b>									
Union	Green Lane Property	301	25.01	301	25.01	4.926	4.93	Funded	
<b>11</b>									
Rahway	Grey Will Acres			32	22	2.38		Unfunded	68
				32	23	0.16	2.54	Unfunded	68
<b>12</b>									
Clark	Hazelwood Cemetery			40	16, 20, 21	14	14.00	Funded	

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13	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	187	1	1601	1	6.09		Funded	
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	186	1	1602	1	0.68		Funded	
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	186	2	1602	2	3.65		Funded	
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	186	3,01	1602	5	1.5725		Funded	
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	184.03	1	2201	1	9.32		Funded	
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	185.03	2	2201	2	28.8		Funded	
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	184.03	6	2601	4	1.85		Funded	2
	Springfield	Hidden Valley Park	184.03	7	2601	5	3.951		Funded	
	Summit	Hidden Valley Park	24	21 F	4101	28.01	1.33		Unfunded	
	Summit	Hidden Valley Park	26	27	4301	6	1.22		Funded	
	Summit	Hidden Valley Park	26	2 B, 18, 23, 25, 26, 32	4301	7	15.57	74.03	Partly Funded	
14	Berkeley Heights	Horseshoe Road Park (Wemett)	3302	3	3302	3	8.95		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Horseshoe Road Park (Wemett)			3302	12	0.28		Funded	
	Berkeley Heights	Horseshoe Road Park (Wemett)			3302	13	0.29	9.52	Funded	
15	Springfield	Houdaille Quarry	185.01	2	2301	1	37.38		Funded	
	Springfield	Houdaille Quarry	185.03	1, 3, 4	1603	1	32.3	69.68	Funded	
16	Linden	John Russell Wheeler Park	463	13	463	13	25.6	25.60	Unfunded	
17	Union	Kawameeh Park	2702	2	2702	2	1.15		Unfunded	
	Union	Kawameeh Park	2719	12	2719	12	4		Unfunded	
	Union	Kawameeh Park	2719	13	2719	13	5.705		Unfunded	
	Union	Kawameeh Park	2719	14	2719	14	10.86	21.72	Unfunded	
18	Cranford	Lenape Park	101.01	1	101.01	1	16.46		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	101.02	1	101.02	1	6		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	102.01	1	102.01	1	9.66		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	102.02	1	102.02	1	14.92		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	102.03	1	102.03	1	8.13		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	102.04	1	102.04	1	0.0262		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	102.05	1	102.05	1	0.3903		Unfunded	
	Cranford	Lenape Park	102.06	1	102.06	1	0.6694		Unfunded	
	Kenilworth	Lenape Park	6	1	6	1	36.43		Unfunded	
	Kenilworth	Lenape Park	65	1	65	1	10.25		Unfunded	
	Springfield	Lenape Park	138	1	4202	1	178.89		Unfunded	
	Springfield	Lenape Park	143	4	4001	8	0.71		Unfunded	
	Union	Lenape Park	3409	1	3409	1	58.58		Unfunded	
	Westfield	Lenape Park	480	20	1801	1	56.46		Unfunded	3
	Westfield	Lenape Park					3.2025	400.78	Funded	31



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19 Rahway	Madison Avenue Park	189	1	189	1	16.613	16.61	Funded	
20 Elizabeth	Mattano Park	4	372	4	59	4.28		Funded	
Elizabeth	Mattano Park	5	453B	5	1597	37.4		Funded	35
Elizabeth	Mattano Park	4	1597	4	1597	0.373	42.05	Unfunded	35
21 Cranford	McConnell Park	180	1	180	1	3	3.00	Unfunded	
22 Clark	Milton Lake Park	201	1	201	1	0.99		Unfunded	
Rahway	Milton Lake Park	114	1	114	1	50.41	51.40	Unfunded	
23 Cranford	Nomahegan Park	104	1	104	1	2.73		Unfunded	
Cranford	Nomahegan Park	105	1	105	1	91		Unfunded	
Cranford	Nomahegan Park	103	1	103	1	24.5	118.23	Unfunded	
24 Clark	Oak Ridge Park	2	1	2	1	3.75		Funded	
Clark	Oak Ridge Park	2	3	2	3	33		Funded	
Clark	Oak Ridge Park	3	1	3	1	91.158		Funded	
Edison	Oak Ridge Park	413	1	413	1	3.9		Funded	
Edison	Oak Ridge Park	412	1-B	412	1-B	10		Funded	
Edison	Oak Ridge Park	412	1-C	412	1-C	1.33		Funded	
Edison	Oak Ridge Park	412	1-D	412	1-D	10		Funded	
Edison	Oak Ridge Park	412	1-E	412	1-E	8.87		Funded	
Edison	Oak Ridge Park	412	3-Q-1	412	3-Q-1	1.05	163.06	Funded	
25 Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	101	1	101	1	30.6		Funded	4
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	101	20	101	20	0.4591		Funded	
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	101	21	101	21	0.2296		Funded	5
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	201	2	201	2	8.9		Funded	
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	207	1	207	1	0.9		Funded	
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	208	2	208	2	2.4		Funded	
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	301	7	301	7	27.9		Funded	
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	401	1	401	1	35.7		Funded	
Berkeley Heights	Passaic River Park	501	2	501	2	3.2		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	10	2	10	2	0.473		Funded	7
New Providence	Passaic River Park	10	6	10	6	3.52		Funded	9
New Providence	Passaic River Park	11	6	11	6	3.04		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	13	1	13	1	3.221		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	13	13	13	13	11.1		Partly funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	14	1	14	1	14.87		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	14	6	14	3	0.0424		Funded	

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New Providence	Passaic River Park	25	25	25	25	5.494		Funded	12
New Providence	Passaic River Park	25	26	25	30	3.34		Funded	13
New Providence	Passaic River Park	35	14	35	14	3.16		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	45	1, 2	45	1	11.11		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	76	1	76	1	0.78		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	92	6	92	6	10.52		Funded	
New Providence	Passaic River Park	103	25	103	25	11.42		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	121	18	101	1	0.05		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	121	19, 20, 21, 23	101	2	3.01		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park			101	4	1.99		Unfunded	40
Summit	Passaic River Park	120	1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 9A	201	7	1.97		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park			201	13	1.3		Unfunded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	121	17	202	1	1		Unfunded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	121	6B, 16B, 16C	202	3	1.73		Funded	41
Summit	Passaic River Park	121	1, 2A	202	17	1.555		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park			202	19	0.4		Unfunded	55
Summit	Passaic River Park			202	20	0.7		Unfunded	55
Summit	Passaic River Park	111	1, 2A, 3A, 4D, 5	601	1	14.21		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	112	5	602	1	0.78		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	112	3	604	1	0.002		Funded	38
Summit	Passaic River Park	112	2	604	2	2.19		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	112	1A	604	5	5.24		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	113	1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6A, 7A, 8, 9, 10	702	1	17.24		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	110	1, 2	1501	1	13.9		Unfunded	37
Summit	Passaic River Park	109	1, 3	1505	2	30.28		Unfunded	37
Summit	Passaic River Park	109	2	1505	3.01	6.065		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	109A	4	1601	1	2.85		Funded	
Summit	Passaic River Park	112	4				298.84	Funded	39
26	Clark	40	25	40	25	5.87		Funded	
	Clark	40	25A	40	25A	3.8		Funded	
	Clark	40	27	40	27	3.07	12.74	Funded	
27	Plainfield	922	55	922	55	5.751		Funded	
	Plainfield	922	56	922	56	0.3	6.05	Funded	

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28	Union	Phil Rizzuto Park	103	1	103	1.01	10.38		Unfunded		
	Union	Phil Rizzuto Park	103	2							
	Union	Phil Rizzuto Park	103	3							
	Elizabeth	Phil Rizzuto Park	13	866	13	866	0.614	10.99	Unfunded		
29	Scotch Plains	Ponderosa Farm	12201	3	12201	3	3.6		Unfunded		
	Scotch Plains	Ponderosa Farm	12201	27.07	12201	27.07	7.241		Unfunded		
	Scotch Plains	Ponderosa Farm	12201	28	12201	28	11.86	22.70	Unfunded		
30	Clark	Rahway River Park	97	16	97	16	0.0004		Funded		
	Clark	Rahway River Park	98	1	98	1	1.3269		Funded		
	Clark	Rahway River Park	176	53	176	53	1.1122		Funded		
	Clark	Rahway River Park	176	55	176	55	11.4		Funded		
	Clark	Rahway River Park	179.01	48	179.01	48	37.5		Funded		
	Clark	Rahway River Park	199	1	199	1	0.3558		Funded		
	Clark	Rahway River Park	199	22	199	22	0.3099		Funded		
	Rahway	Rahway River Park	201	1	201	1	72.5	124.51	Funded		
	31	Clark	Rahway River Parkway	155	9	155	9	151.2		Unfunded	
		Clark	Rahway River Parkway	174.01	29	174.01	29	0.0367		Unfunded	
Clark		Rahway River Parkway	174.01	28	174.01	28	0.1383		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	103	1	103	1	24.52		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	200	32	200	32	0.09		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	261	8	261	8	0.093		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	262	1	262	1	0.654		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	196	2	196	2	2.2		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	435	1	435	1	8.38		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	481	1	481	1	0.7365		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	482	1	482	1	2.92		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	483	1	483	1	4.02		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	493	12	493	12	6.78		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	500	19	500	19	0.2425		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	505	8	505	8	1.13		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	543	39	543	39	18.61		Unfunded		
Cranford		Rahway River Parkway	544	1	544	1	26.9		Unfunded		
Linden	Cranford	Rahway River Parkway	585	1	585	1	0.2691		Unfunded		
	Cranford	Rahway River Parkway	586	17	586	17	0.2609		Unfunded		
	Cranford	Rahway River Parkway	588	1	588	1	0.9716		Unfunded		
Linden	Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	404	11	404	11	1.15		Unfunded		
	Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	404.1	1	404.1	1	0.966		Unfunded		
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	161	40	161	40	3.8		Unfunded			

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Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	199	1	199	1	0.0029		Funded	
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	200	1	200	1	0.0918		Funded	
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	201	4.01	201	4.01	0.102		Funded	
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	212	1	212	1	10.05		Funded	
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	219	1	219	1	11.9		Funded	
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	223	1	223	1	0.084		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	223	2	223	2	0.057		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	223	3	223	3	0.046		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	223	4	223	4	0.134		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	223	5	223	5	0.133		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway					0.45		Funded	52
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway			223	16	0.065		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	42	224	42	4.364		Unfunded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	43	224	43	0.12		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway					0.3		Unfunded	52
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	44	224	44	0.101		Unfunded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	45	224	45	0.057		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	46	224	46	0.183		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway					0.7		Funded	52
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	47	224	47	0.13		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	48	224	48	0.143		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	53	224	53	0.15		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	54	224	54	0.06		Funded	51
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	224	34	224	34	13.8		Funded	
Rahway	Rahway River Parkway	227	6	227	6	0.7709		Funded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	1.02	1	303	3	0.73		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	1.02	2	303	5	0.6		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway			406	20	11.23		Unfunded	43
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	2	21	406	21	4.1		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	25	16						
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	31	1	908	16	15.28		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	42	1						
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	43	11	801	15.01	4.29		Unfunded	15
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	43	11	801	15.02			Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	44	1	802	1			Unfunded	16
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	72.01	45	1501	1	28.7		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	81	19	1402	20	27.94		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	99	1	2104	1	7.4		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	109	12	3103	30	3.07		Unfunded	
Springfield	Rahway River Parkway	112	2	3104	2	0.79		Unfunded	
Union	Rahway River Parkway	3401	1	3401	1	2		Unfunded	
Union	Rahway River Parkway	3402	1	3402	1	6.88		Unfunded	

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	Union	Rahway River Parkway	3402	23	3402	23	7.62		Unfunded	
	Union	Rahway River Parkway	3407	1	3407	1	0.75		Unfunded	
	Union	Rahway River Parkway	3408	1	3408	1	1.12		Unfunded	
	Union	Rahway River Parkway	3410	1	3410	1	0.2296		Unfunded	
	Union	Rahway River Parkway	3504	1	3504	1	20		Unfunded	
	Union	Rahway River Parkway	3617	1	3617	1	25.4		Unfunded	
	Union	Rahway River Parkway	4508	4	4508	4	2.41	470.60	Unfunded	
<b>32</b>	Cranford	Sperry Park	263	1	263	1	1.12	1.12	Unfunded	
<b>33</b>	Berkeley Heights	Stanford Drive Park			1901	1.02	12.83	12.83	Funded	
<b>34</b>	Garwood	Unami Park	91	1	614	26	21.865		Unfunded	
	Garwood	Unami Park	92	14	614	20	0.0918		Unfunded	
	Westfield	Unami Park	546	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	4903	1	6	27.96	Unfunded	
<b>35</b>	Elizabeth	Warinanco Park	10	10.A	10	10.A	6.33		Funded	
	Roselle	Warinanco Park	244	1	244	1	198.7	205.03	Funded	
<b>36</b>	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	4505	1	4505	1	9.4		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	4802	26	4802	25	11.724		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	4806	15	4806	15	5.575		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	4903	37	4903	37	11.46		Unfunded	47
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	5001	1	5001	1	356.94		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	5003	1	5003	1	32.7		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	5004	1	5004	1	50.2		Unfunded	
	Berkeley Heights	Watchung Reservation	5005	1	5005	1	1.3		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	15.E	1	15.E	1	0.316		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	15.F	19	15.F	19	1.43		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	15.H	9	15.H	9	0.69		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	2	4	2	4	447		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	2	5D	2	5D	0.553		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	2	7	2	7	1.3		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	2	3	2	3	13		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	3.N	6	3.N	6	7.35		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	4.A	5	4.A	5	21.81		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	5.A	1	5.A	1	144.37		Unfunded	
	Mountainside	Watchung Reservation	6.A	1	6.A	1	2.8		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	1801	1	1801	1	3.43		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	4901	1	4901	1	439.33		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	4902	1	4902	1	20.3		Unfunded	
	Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	4903	1	4903	1	18.1		Unfunded	

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Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	5301	5	5301	5	7.36		Unfunded	
Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	5301	9	5301	9	0.2		Unfunded	
Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	5401	2	5401	2	0.3231		Unfunded	
Scotch Plains	Watchung Reservation	5401	3	5401	3	12.9		Unfunded	
Springfield	Watchung Reservation	177.01	1	3201	1	17.78		Unfunded	
Springfield	Watchung Reservation	177.01	17	3201	2	3.09		Unfunded	
Springfield	Watchung Reservation	177.04	2, 3	3202	1	0.1		Unfunded	
Summit	Watchung Reservation	27	1	5001	1	79.9		Unfunded	
Summit	Watchung Reservation	94	10	4803	11	117.63		Unfunded	
Summit	Watchung Reservation	94	11	4803	12	6.14		Funded	
Summit	Watchung Reservation	94	12A, 13A	4501	27	10.58		Unfunded	
Summit	Watchung Reservation			4901	1	35.75		Funded	
Summit	Watchung Reservation	27B	49	4901	2	39		Funded	49
Summit	Watchung Reservation			4901	3	24.13		Funded	49
Watchung	Watchung Reservation	77.01	3	77.01	3	2.62		Unfunded	
Watchung	Watchung Reservation			78.01	9	0.6	1959.18	Unfunded	55
					TOTAL	6768.81			

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<b>Notes: (missing numbers are from notes in a previous ROSI revision that have since been deleted)</b>									
2	Portion in Summit								
3	Acres is uncertain; new tax map says 44.49, though there was no subdivision of lot								
4	Not all funded parcels were completely funded; some sub-parcels are unfunded								
5	Life tenant occupies house								
7	A piece of this lot sits in Berkeley Heights and is part of B.H. Block 401, Lot 1								
9	A piece of this lot sits in Berkeley Heights and has its own B.H. Block 401, Lot 63 - acreage may be duplicated								
12	Previously shown as 8.834 acres; see note 13								
13	Lot 26 was a mistake; should be Lot 30; acreage was duplicated in Lot 25								
15	Lot was subdivided; lot 15.02 (6.14 acres) was transferred to Springfield; exchange must be approved by Green Acres yet								
16	Lot encompassing 9.32 acres was transferred to Springfield								
20	Southern portion of lot is in South Plainfield								
22	The size of this lot was reduced by the Route 1&9 Viaduct diversion								
25	The size of this lot was reduced by the Route 1&9 Viaduct diversion; lot used to be 6-1334 (deleted)								
26	One lot has two different numbers								
27	Replacement for Route 1&9 Viaduct diversion (not closed yet)								
28	Acres shown is approximate								
30	Lot was lost to Route 1&9 Viaduct diversion								
31	Island in Nomahegan Drive is not shown as a block/lot; but deeds show purchase by County, including roads								
33	Leased from Borough of North Plainfield								
35	Two lots have same number, but are separated by Trenton Avenue and State property								
37	Need copy of deed to verify pre-existing use								
38	Part of proposed diversion to sell property (65 Stanley Ave.); lot shape has changed on map								
39	Lot shape has changed on map; lot no longer appears (incorporated into M&E RR property)								
40	Thin lot along Passaic River was not shown previously								
41	Triangle abutting Block 202, Lot 5.01 on tax map is different than survey								
43	Lot was obtained from Springfield as part of a land exchange								
45	9.38 acre lot was transferred to Springfield as part of land exchange; still requires Green Acres approval								
47	Actual acreage may be less due to NJDOT taking for I-78 highway construction								
49	Subject to 12.633 acres of water easement								
51	Transfer of ownership to County needs to be verified								
52	Lots are unnumbered on tax map; acreage is estimated from tax map dimensions								
55	Acres is scaled from tax map								
65	A 0.2124 acre portion of Lot 5 is being subdivided and deeded to County by Kean University as diversion compensation.								
68	Lot was acquired since last ROSI revision.								

Approved 10/14/10

COUNTY OF UNION  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
JUNE 9, 2010  
ATTENDANCE

**Board Members Present:**

Kevin Lynott, AGL Resources/Elizabethtown Gas  
Anna Belin-Pyles, Plainfield Student & Family Support Services  
Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Union County Vocational & Technical Schools  
Phil Connelly, Kean University  
Sam Crane, Crane Consulting  
Dr. Jack Farrell, Union County College  
Pat Dobson, Plainfield One-Stop  
Jeffrey Dunn, The Incubator Inc.  
Frank H. Lehr, Frank H. Lehr Associates  
Charles Gillon, Union County Div. of Social Services  
James Horne Jr., United Way of Greater Union County  
Bette Jane Kowalski, Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Glenn Nacion, Trinitas Medical Center  
Patricia Williams for Myrna Pinckney, NJ Div. of Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
Desiree Ramos, Client Manager-Port Commerce Government & Community Relations  
Jacques Howard for Jennifer Wenson-Maier, Plainfield Public Works & Urban Development

**Board Members Absent:**

MaryAnn Anderson, Division of One-Stop Operations  
Dr. Carmen Centuolo, UC Superintendent of Schools  
Janice Chapin, HSAC Chair  
Michael D'Agostino, Millwright Local 715  
Donna Dedinsky, Wakefern Food Corporation  
Liz Garcia, Infineum USA LLP  
Joseph Keenan, Consultant  
Anna Lustenberg, Verizon  
John Malcolm, Iron Workers Local 480  
John Perry, Council on Airport Opportunities  
Julio Sabater, Workforce Advantage  
Marcos Salerno, Salerno Jewelers  
Carlos Valdes, Comcast  
Ray Wuertz, Conoco Phillips  
Edward Zarnock, Union County Central Labor Council

**County of Union:**

Frank Guzzo, Department of Human Services  
Antonio Rivera, Workforce Investment Board  
Phil Kandl, Workforce Investment Board  
Charlene E. Smith, Division of Workforce Development Operations

**Visitors**

Dr. Paul Jurmo, Union County College  
Liza Dunn

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**COUNTY OF UNION  
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
JUNE 9, 2010  
MEETING MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Lynott.**

**Charlene Smith read the roll call and the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.**

**A Motion to approve the April 14, 2010 Minutes was seconded and carried.**

**The USDOL/ETA Grant: Power for America, "Green Skills=Green Jobs" report was given by Antonio Rivera. Mr. Rivera reported that Union County has received a contract for approximately one million dollars. Mr. Rivera stated that while working with the private sector, i.e. Elizabethtown Gas, PSE&G, and American Water, an agreement was being put together in an effort to connect with employment opportunities projected at the utility companies.**

**Jose Perez reported that job profiles with the above mentioned companies were being completed. American Water has 50 slots, the Communications Workers of America has requested 15 workers. The Green Jobs Initiatives includes the counties of Essex, Morris and Union.**

**Antonio Rivera stated that according to the grant, 270 individuals will be trained, including 50 incumbent workers and 220 dislocated workers. Mr. Rivera stated the figure could reach as many as 500. The referrals will be coordinated through the One-Stop Career Centers.**

**Mr. Rivera stated that once the profiles were completed, including a background check, the One-Stop Career Center will be informed to start recruitment. Mr. Rivera stated that the Freeholders were considering a kickoff campaign.**

**Jose Perez stated that in order to obtain employment at a utility plant you must pass the Homeland Security background check, which may present a hurdle for some prospective participants. Any criminal history will automatically reject an individual from participation in the program. A short**

**discussion ensued regarding how this funding would impact the re-entry of individuals previously incarcerated.**

**Chairman, Kevin Lynott, thanked Antonio Rivera and Jose Perez for their significant effort in this endeavor.**

**The Summer Youth Program report was given by Antonio Rivera. Mr. Rivera stated that after Governor Christie took office one key piece of his labor force strategy was to take a close look at the Workforce Investment Boards in every county and sanction those county WIBs that were not meeting their performance benchmarks and federal guidelines.**

**The County has failed its youth performance benchmark regarding year round programming due to the County's efforts to continue to provide summer youth employment programs. The County cannot afford to continue operating the summer youth program under the Workforce Investment Act. The discontinuance of the summer youth employment program caused a lot of tension for the vendors and residents in the community. There have been some internal discussions regarding how to come up with a program to provide some type of summer employment that is not WIA funded, to allow for a year-round program. Several options were delineated. Discussion ensued. (Verbatim tape on file)**

**The Disability Issues Committee report was given by Philip Kandl. Mr. Kandl reported that the Disability Issues Committee had been meeting monthly with the last meeting being held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kandl stated the priority of the Disability Issues Committee was to establish a dialogue with employers regarding the importance of job opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The intent of the Disability Issues Committee was to help reduce barriers to employment. The Committee has agreed to coordinate an event on October 22<sup>nd</sup> that will be held at the Liberty Hall Center in Union, New Jersey. Chairman, Kevin Lynott was thanked for providing the facility on behalf of Elizabethtown Gas.**

**Dr. Paul Jurmo reported for the Adult Education & Literacy Committee. Dr. Jurmo stated that he has been asked to regenerate the Adult Education & Literacy Committee. A short form was being prepared through a survey of**

**adult education professionals that will be sent out as a questionnaire to ten or eleven providers. Some of the providers were new on the scene, small non-profit organizations. Some responses have been received and a preliminary look shows that the number of individuals being served by adult basic education and English as a Second Language (ESL) was roughly holding at the same level as in the past couple of years. However, that number was really a small fraction of the potential number of individuals that could benefit from this type of program. Dr. Jurmo stated that another concern was that the quality of the service was not as it should be. Dr. Jurmo reported that computer training was an area of interest. Computer skills were being developed in very creative ways in which computers were being integrated into the English as a Second Language program. Health literacy and financial literacy were being woven into the various programs. Prisoner re-entry was an area with a large need for adult education.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pat Dobson reported that Microsoft gave out hundreds of vouchers to New Jersey residents that were unemployed or underemployed and vouchers will be given out at the One Stop Centers. The vouchers must be activated by August 24<sup>th</sup> and the recipient has one year to become certified in Microsoft 2007 and free testing is involved. The recipient of the voucher must have access to Microsoft 2007.**

**A discussion ensued on the need for adult education which is a statewide dilemma. Jeffrey Dunn stated that the primary economic issue throughout the country was the rising cost of the Department of Corrections. Seventy-five percent of incarcerated individuals are illiterate.**

**Dr. Bistocchi stated that 22 percent of the New Jersey adult population is without a high school diploma. Education is the key to reducing crime.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.**

**VERBATIM TAPE ON FILE**

Meeting Minutes October 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The UCACOA meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Terry Tainow at 10:12am at the Plainfield Senior Center, 305 E. Front Street, Plainfield, NJ.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Unfortunately, the minutes of the previous meeting, October 5, 2010 were not available at this time ,and will be forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS: Fran Benson stated that she received an email from SAGE announcing that Dan Kalem, lecturer for SHIP will no longer be the coordinator as of 12/31/10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ROLL CALL: Present: Terry Tainow, Sharron Brown, May Furstner, James Nixon, Yvonne Thomas, Yves Aubourg and Joseph Quinn. Excused: Joe Fox, Toby Marx, Celia Ringer, John Surmay and Gloria Mejias. Absent: Mike Guglielmino, Freeholder Mohamed S. Jalloh and Dennis Vodarsik. Staff Present: Fran Benson and Barbara Smart-Woods.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Fran Benson, Director of U.C.D.O.A. stated that the Public Hearing event which is being held right after our meeting is to receive input from the public on the Area Plan Contract and a survey will be done to receive input from the seniors of Union County. Handouts pertaining to the Public Meeting, 2011 Area Plan Contract were distributed to all members in attendance.

Fran also touched on the Bed Bug problem and stated that the County Health Officer, Lester Jones will be doing a training for the Division on Aging staff.

She also stated that she went to Whippany, NJ for a meeting on the subject of authorization of OAA priorities.

At the close of this report Fran asked members present if they were interested in having a social affair/meeting for our last and final meeting of the year 2010. Members present all agreed upon this and the last meeting will be on December 7, 2010 at 1:00pm an hour earlier than usual.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:55am. Motion/second: Sharron Brown/Yves Aubourg

NEXT MEETING DATE/SITE: December 7, 2010, 1:00pm  
Plainfield Senior Center  
400 E. Front Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07060

**Union County Public Health Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 2006**

**Members Present:** Warren Hehl, Robert Sherr, John Surmay, Nancy Koblis, Roberta Milano, Dan Iradi, Rick Proctor, Denise Santiago, Boniface Udentia.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes from the September 20, 2006 meeting was made by Robert Sherr and seconded by Nancy Koblis. All approved.

**Committee Reports & Assignments:**

**Public Safety Committee:** Denise Santiago reported the Cities In Readiness (CRI) Program is in progress. Funds have been used for "CRI Bags" with vital supplies to be distributed to Union County Residents. The bags have both County of Union and LINCS logo, and 300 bags will be provided to each local health agency.

**Education and Training Subcommittee:** There will be an MRC Meeting/Training to be held on January 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. with the focus on Epidemiology & Infection Control. Ella Shaykevich, LINCS Nurse Coordinator, is researching available grants for the MRC process.

**Public Health Issues Committee:** Robert Sherr reported that the GPHP will be requesting that Audrey from Kean University attend the next GPHP meeting concerning the status of the MAPP Process.

**Epidemiological Committee:** Chairman Hehl thanked all health departments and the LINCS Agency for their involvement in the e-coli investigations. To date, no source has been found. Roberta Milano, reporting for Ellen Shelley – who was attending a Pandemic Exercise at Overlook Hospital – reminded health department staff to review and complete the "Open/Pending" cases in the CDRSS.

**Medical/EMS Committee:** No report.

**Chair for 2007:** After discussion on this topic, Dan Iradi of the Red Cross consented to Chair the WOMD Advisory Board for 2007, with Warren Hehl acting as Vice Chair. All approved. Mr. Iradi & Mr. Hehl will discuss the future of the Advisory Board and propose a meeting schedule for 2007.

**Other:** Dan Iradi reported that there has been a consolidation of several Chapters of the Red Cross. This area will be under the "Colonial Crossroads Chapter"; the location of the regional office will be in Summit, New Jersey.

On motion of Nancy Koblis, seconded by Robert Sherr, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
RUNNELLS SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL OF UNION COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD OF MANAGERS  
December 8, 2009**

The meeting of the Advisory Board of Managers of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County was held on December 8, 2009 in the Hospital Board Room. The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following members were present:

**PRESENT:**

Michel Bitritto, Chairwoman  
Freeholder Chester Holmes  
Dr. Jerome Cohen  
Dr. Martin Sheehy  
Wiletta BaCote  
Kevin Glover  
Pamela Boright

**RUNNELLS STAFF**

Joseph W. Sharp, Administrator  
Susan Palma, Administrative Dir. Of Nursing  
Michael T. Drummond, Director, Hospital Finance

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Dr. Cohen to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2009 meeting. Second by Kevin Glover. All were in favor.

**REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR**

Safety Reports read and accepted.

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Mr. Sharp reported on the following: 1) contract renewals for the coming year have been completed. They include contracts for laboratory services, enteral nutrition, physicians and, chaplains. We also entered into a contract with Bruce Bergen, Esq for credit and collection services; 2) We have begun the 2010 budget process. Hospital administration met with each department supervisor to review budget requests; 3) The annual exclusionary evaluation process is nearly complete. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Office of the County Manager within the next week; 4) As you know, on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Runnells became a smoke free facility and our smoke free policy went into effect. Dr Lanza's staff headed up the assessment process of all resident smokers (approx 10) and none of them were deemed appropriate to smoke independently. They were advised and counseled regarding their smoking and were offered smoking cessation programs and materials. We revised our admission policy to indicate that from this point forward RSH is a non smoking facility and people who smoke would not be admitted. One of our residents wrote to the state complaining that her rights had been violated. The state came in on a full, one day complaint survey. They looked at all of our assessments, they checked to see if adequate notification was given, if physician review was conducted, if we offered cessation programs etc. Today we received notification that no deficiencies were cited. The current policy will stand and we will not admit smokers. Dr. Sheehy asked how we are handling this issue with new admissions. Mr. Sharp responded that we notify potential admissions and / or family members of our policy and the policy is included in the admission packet and it is signed upon admission; 5) We've begun planning for the comprehensive renovations to the third floor. This will include new floors in all the rooms and hallways, lighting improvements and new wallpaper, handrails, sconces, window treatments and, new privacy curtains. Hopefully this will be accomplished in the first 6 months of 2010. With the approval of the Department of Health, we will move all the residents from one corridor at a time to the PM&R unit. This will allow the workers to section off that corridor, limiting noise and confusion on the unit; 6) We are the happy recipients of a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from the estate of Leah Linn, a former resident who was very pleased with her care here and as a result left RSH \$10,000 in her will.

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We are in discussions with County Counsel to see if the hospital foundation can receive the money so it can be used in the best possible interest of our residents. 7) Previous activities included the annual trip to Atlantic City in October and the annual Halloween Party and Haunted House. We had 93 residents go through the haunted house this year. This is always a resident favorite. On November 2, 2009 we held our annual memorial service to honor those who passed away during the past year. This year over 102 residents, staff and volunteers were honored. Upcoming activities will include holiday card writing. All interested residents are assisted with writing Christmas cards to family and friends. The cards and the postage are a gift from the volunteer guild. The last candlelight dinner (restaurant like atmosphere dinner for residents) will be in February at which time the "Good Morning Breakfast" will begin. These are held every Wednesday morning and rotated through each unit. Both of these functions are very popular with the residents. On December 25<sup>th</sup> the Lion's will have their annual gift giving and luncheon. This organization has been coming to Runnells for close to 30 years. The Lion's Club funds the cost of the gifts and our volunteers do the leg work of buying them. These gifts are not a blanket gift such as a box of candy. Each gift is individualized for every resident. It is a very heart warming event.

Chairwoman Bitritto asked if any of the upcoming renovations will be "green". Mr. Sharp responded that some of the products used may be "green" but our main interest is to lose the clinical look of our facility. Mr. Sharp added that the County Manager and his staff have undertaken to explore an arrangement where they found a firm interested in exploring the potential of geo thermal heating and air conditioning. Their intent is to replace our entire heating and air conditioning system if they can find a way to make that feasible. Mr. Sharp informed the board that he will keep them up to date on this issue.

**REVIEW OF THE FREEHOLDER RESOLUTIONS**

Reviewed



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**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Read and accepted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4:30pm.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

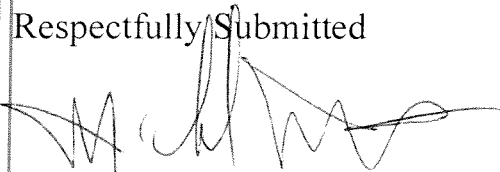
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**ADJOURMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Cohen  
Second by Dr. Sheehy  
All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Michel Bitritto  
Chairwoman

MB/smc

## **Shade Tree Advisory Board Meeting – November 16, 2010**

**ROLL CALL:** Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, James Nichnadowicz, Nick Polanin, Steve Falco, Joe Limma, Rich Hapagion Sean Ryan and James Kelly.

**MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of October 19, 2010. There was one correction to the minutes; Gary Lovallo's name was spelled wrong. Motion was made to approve minutes by Steve Falco and seconded by Sean Ryan.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Municipal Workers Training Program:** Nick said that overall the training was good but the attendance was not that great. Some of the towns had sent their employees on leaf pick up and they were not able to attend the training.

Jim suggested next year we have the training in mid-September to avoid leaf season.

**Poetry Contest:** The letters and entry forms will be mailed in out in January. The deadline for entries will be February 28, 2011.

**Arbor Day Program:** There was a discussion on all of the trees that have been given out for Arbor Day. Jim suggested the Robin Hill Serviceberry Tree for this year's Arbor Day Program. Jim will see if Williams Nursery can get this tree and what the cost will be.

**Bare-Root Trees:** Jim reported that the 10 bare-root trees that were purchased in April 2010 are thriving in the parks. Jim would like to purchase some more trees in 2011. Freeholder Scanlon asked the cost difference between bare-root and ball. Sean explained that the cost difference. Jim and James Kelly will work together and decide what trees to order and where they will be planted.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

James reported that the bureau is removing a large tulip tree at the Quarry. James said that it will take at least 2 days to remove this large tree.

The bureau continues to receive a large amount of requests for tree trimming and removals. All the requests for tree trimming this year are completed; there were over 100 requests for trimming and 100 requests for removal.

James also reported that the bureau continues to work along all picnic areas in the parks removing any dead trees or trimming dead branches.

James informed the board the next week the contractor will begin the fall planting along county roads in the parks. The trees on the roads will be planted in Berkeley Heights, Roselle Park, Union & Hillside. The contractor will plant 250 trees in the parks and on the roads. At this time the contractor will replace the trees that died from last year's planting.

James Kelly had the bureau's monthly safety meeting with his crews. James reported that every man is assigned to his own chainsaw and must take care of it. There are no accidents or complaints to report.

Freeholder Scanlon asked if the county lost any trees during the recent windy weather. James said we didn't lose any trees just some branches. Sean Ryan added that all the years of hard work maintaining the trees have paid off.

James also reported that they are preparing for the Courthouse Christmas Tree. The tree was donated by a family in Union. James will notify the board the date the tree will be taken to the courthouse. James said watching all them men pull the tree up the courthouse steps and into the rotunda area is something to see.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Steve Falco mentioned there will be a lecture of the Frederick Law Olmsted's influence on New Jersey Parks at the Scotch Plains Public Library on November 18, at 7:30. Kathleen Galop, a historic preservation consultant, will present the program.

The next Shade Tree Advisory Board will be on December 14, 2010 at 6:00 pm. There will be food and refreshments at this meeting.

Freeholder Scanlon announced that she will not be the liaison for the Shade Tree Advisory Board in 2011.

A motion to adjourn was set forth by Jim Nichnadowicz, seconded by Richard Hagopian and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

# UNION COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE DISABLED

## MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Leo Lamarre, Vice Chairman.

**PRESENT:** Harold Aguilar, Sean Dineen, Leslie Fanelli-Pavone, Alfredo Gonzalez, Leo Lamarre, Claire Schuster, Susan Spurr, Ina White

**EXCUSED:** Edward Heaton, Elisa Sananman, Holly Wetscher

**FREEHOLDER LIASON:** Angel Estrada

**DIV. OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:** Charlie Newman, Sarah Cordoma

### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting were approved, after motion by Leo Lamarre and second by Leslie Fanelli-Pavone.

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications reported at this time.

### III. OFFICE FOR THE DISABLED UPDATE

#### **Accessible Parking in New Jersey Conference**

- Mr. Newman reported on the June 26th Accessible Parking Conference. The conference addressed issues, concerns, and solutions related to accessible parking in New Jersey.
- Suggestions made by conference attendees included improving law enforcement efforts to stop the fraud and abuse with accessible parking placards, putting ID photos on placards, creating van only parking spaces and using different colored placards for vans with wheelchair lifts or ramps.
- Some courtesy and safety issues were also discussed at the conference. One issue is the limited number of van accessible parking spaces for vehicles with lifts or ramps. People with disabilities often park regular vehicles in van accessible parking spaces, when other standard accessible parking spaces are available. Individuals with disabilities frequently park in the striped no parking aisles. One safety issue that was noted was the common practice of operating vehicles with the parking placard hanging from the rearview mirror.

- It was noted that the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is willing to include a fact sheet on accessible parking issues with the parking placard ID renewals. The fact sheet could also be distributed with all new wheelchair symbol license plates and placards.
- Discussion followed. It was suggested that the names of certifying physicians and other medical professionals be logged to monitor possible abuse by those who certify an extraordinarily high number of people for placards. Freeholder Estrada indicated that the MVC does not keep records on medical personnel who certify disabilities.
- Advisory Board members agreed that efforts to update accessible parking penalty signs should continue. It was also noted that municipal construction code officials are responsible for the compliance of accessible parking penalty signs.
- Copies of the September 2009 issue of the ABLE Newspaper with an article on the June 26th accessible parking conference were distributed to Advisory Board members.

#### **Cash Model Program – Personal Assistance Services Program**

- Mr. Newman reported that the legislation that will change the Personal Assistance Services Program to a cash model program is awaiting Governor Corzine's signature.
- It is anticipated that Union County will not convert to a cash model program before 2011.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Union County Accessible Parking Penalty Sign Campaign**

- Mr. Newman reported that since the campaign began, approximately 260 accessible parking penalty signs with incorrect fines have been identified and most have been updated using the \$250 peel and stick labels. The Alliance for Disabled in Action recently agreed to partner with Union County in the Accessible Parking Penalty Sign Campaign.

#### **Advisory Board Membership**

- The Office for the Disabled submitted a resolution request in July to appoint Hugh Bisset to the Advisory Board on the Disabled. The resolution should be on the agenda at the September 24th Freeholder meeting. With the appointment of Mr. Bisset, there will be only one remaining vacant seat on the Advisory Board.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Family Forum**

- Mr. Newman reported that DDD plans to hold Family Forums in every county in New Jersey. The goal of the forums is to provide information on local resources to families on the DDD waiting list. DDD is encouraging these families to plan ahead for their developmentally disabled family member. Given the State's current budget crisis, DDD may not be able to address the waiting list for the foreseeable future.
- The forums will allow families to learn about county-based and local resources that may address some of the needs of their family members, including transportation, housing, etc.
- The target audience for county-based family forums is families of individuals in the top 200 of the priority deferred category of the DDD Community Services Waiting List, who are residents of that county.

**Alliance for Disabled in Action – Peer Support Groups**

- The Alliance for Disabled in Action is looking for Union County residents with disabilities to join their organization. They also offer a Peer Support Group that meets in Union County at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Rahway on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

**Discover Amadeus – October 11th at the NJ Performing Arts Center in Newark, NJ**

- The Discovery Orchestra is offering a limited number of free tickets for people with disabilities to Discover Amadeus, an educational concert featuring the music of Mozart.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. after a motion by Leo Lamarre and second by Sean Dineen the motion was carried.

**LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
(LACADA)**

**Minutes of October 5, 2010  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Union County Administration Building**

**LACADA Members Present:** Sonja Ash, Debra Apostol, Carol Berger, Father Donald Hummel, Jo-Ann Miller

**LACADA Members Excused:** Frank Silletti, Kenneth Quigley, Reverend Pamela Jones

**UCDHS Staff:** Katie Regan, Aleia Moore, Sara Thode, Linda Kosinski

**Others Present:** Pamela Capaci

- I. Sonja Ash called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
- II. A roll call was taken.
- III. A motion was made to approve the September 14, 2010 minutes with the following changes; Pamela Capaci's name was corrected and Jo-Ann Miller's name was moved to the LACADA Members Present from Others Present; motion was seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.
- IV. **REPORTS**

**PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM/DRUG ABUSE  
(PACADA)**

- Pamela Capaci reported that the PACADA met on September 23, 2010. Pamela Capaci reported that Karuri Munene gave an overview on the Dudley House Program. Karuri reported that they are waiting for the DAS licensure. An informational overview from Union County Educational Service Commission (UCESC) on the Lamberts Mill Academy was presented to the PACADA by the Principal, Dan McMullen and the Clinical Director Gwen Bloom-Steinlight. The Lamberts Mill Academy is a small therapeutic school whose goal is to provide a positive experience and transition the student back to their local district school.
- Pam Capaci reported on the importance of providers reading the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant as it pertains to treatment and prevention.
- Pamela Capaci reported there was a discussion on the medically monitored recovery process with Vivitrol. A suggestion was made to bring in a doctor for more education on Vivitrol.
- Prevention Links will be sponsoring the "12<sup>th</sup> Annual Union County Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Event and D.A.R.E. Day" on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. It is an all day event beginning with the "Red Ribbon Four-Mile Run". There will also be a "Red Ribbon Family Fun Walk" at noon and free family activities all day. Discussion followed.

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC)**

- Pam Capaci reported on the Youth Build program in Elizabeth awarded to Brand New Day. The design of the program is to help youth receive their Graduation Equivalency Diploma (GED) and get certified as a construction assistant. The program is open to 75 Union County residents ages 19-24 not on probation or parole or ages 16-24 who are on parole or probation.

## INTOXICATED DRIVERS RESOURCE CENTER (IDRC)

- Katie Regan reported that IDRC has provided 19 of 24 classes with a total of 728 attendees to date, averaging 38 per class.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM AREA

- Katie Regan reported that the County Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) has established an educational partnership with Public Defender's office substantiated by the Union County/New Jersey Division of Family Services (DCF) needs assessment. Their goal is to facilitate cross trainings and networking, supporting dissemination of information and understanding of the interface between New Jersey Division of Child Behavioral Health Services and the Department of Education.
- Katie Regan reported that the Union County Mental Health Justice Involved Services has established a Steering Committee to address 3 major priorities: to enhance access and collaboration with the Union County Jail and the mental health system; to improve response time for screeners and police during mobile outreach; and develop a plan to coordinate/rotate the mental health docket or cases at the Municipal Court level.

## CASS/ MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

- Sara Thode reported that CASS will be meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. A few municipalities are having some modifications to their budget so fax ballots are being emailed or sent out in advance so that CASS can vote on the changes before the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline with the Governor's Council on Alcohol/Drug (GCADA). Coordinators are working on the updates for 2011 Municipal Alliances Subcontracts. The County Municipal Alliance is planning a countywide prevention education program in the fall of 2010 called Prevention 101. The program is in the planning stage and is not yet approved by GCADA. The funding will come from unused County Alliance funds for this year.

## **V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

- Aleia Moore reported that on September 27<sup>th</sup> Karuri Munene, the Program Director from Dudley House called and informed her that Dudley House received their DAS outpatient and halfway house licenses. Aleia Moore is drafting the 2010 subcontract between Sunrise House/Dudley House and the county. There is not an exact date for the opening. Discussion followed.
- Pam Capaci and Carol Berger reported that they are volunteering to be a part of the Addiction-Prevention Strategic Planning Committee. The Addiction –Prevention Strategic Plan is intended as a guide to the identification and/or development of programs, strategies, and services that will effect population-level change across the individual's life span, prevent misuse of substances and reduce the harmful consequences of alcohol and drug use. Pam Capaci reported that there is a possibility of regionalizing services by forming regional coalitions rather than by counties. New Jersey has been the national model in prevention service delivery that other states have looked at to replicate. Pam reported that the plan may be targeting 18-25 year olds for prevention, rather than younger children. Discussion Followed.
- Katie Regan reported on Vivitrol and that it is being marketed for other addictions. It is a long term sustained release injectable which costs \$1000 a shot. The New Jersey pilot program will be targeting an indigent population paid though the Driving Under the Influence Initiative (DUII) funds.



- Katie Regan distributed a copy of the “Report of the New Jersey Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders Task Force.” She encouraged the LACADA to read it to understand the possibility of the primary focus being on co-occurring illnesses over primary addiction illnesses due to the merger of Division of Addiction Services (DAS) and Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS)
- Aleia Moore reported that Frank Siletti and Kenneth Quigley will be resigning from the LACADA and asked the members for assistance in filling any vacant positions.
- Carol Berger recommended that George Pizzo be awarded a certificate at the LACADA /CASS Appreciation Dinner meeting for donating funds to MADD for training materials. Pam Capaci recommended that Paul Fernandez also be awarded a certificate for diverting outside fund raising money, not affiliated with Union’s Alliance money, to the Union Township Police Department.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next LACADA meeting is the Annual LACADA/CASS Appreciation Dinner meeting on December 7, 2010. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 22, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Pamela Eagan, Vasudev N. Makhija M.D., Barbara James, Ometa Pope, Regina Caulfield

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Warren Hehl, Kenneth Quigley, Leslie Moorman, Yvonne Laster

**COUNTY STAFF:** Katie Regan, Bill Smith, Sarah Cordoma, Monica Lallo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Berger – LACADA Representative, Jim Lape – Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Dr. Veronica Thomas – Overlook Hospital

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Union County Mental Health Board was called to order at 4:30 pm by Pamela Eagan, Vice Chair of the Mental Health Board.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The October 27, 2010 minutes were approved with corrections. Corrections made were to add Carol Berger as excused, and Dr. Makhija spoke at the Conference on disparities in health and literacy.

Ms. Regan reported that a Nominating Committee must be formed to elect the new slate of officers for 2011.

- Ms. Eagan and Mr. Quigley terms will expire on December 31, 2010.
- Ms. Berger, Ms. Pope, and Ms. Caulfield had volunteered to serve on the Committee.

**III. CONTRACT REVIEWS**

**Trinitas Regional Medical Center – Jim Lape**

Mr. Lape reported for Trinitas Regional Medical Center (RMC)

- Trinitas RMC has closed the evening outpatient addictions program.
- Trinitas recently eliminated 4 million in hospital wide payroll costs to address reductions in charity care, hospital relief fund and the impact of Medicaid rebasing its diagnostic related group (DRG) reimbursement.
- Trinitas has expanded their Child Day Treatment and Child Outpatient programs.
- Trinitas is maintaining all levels of service with the consolidated funding application (CFA) totaling \$4.4 million. This helps pay for 25 outpatient visits and serve over 14,000 people.
- Trinitas is expanding early interventions within the Psychiatric Emergency Service System by adding a Suicide Crisis hotline.

- Trinitas is looking into a Medical Home Model that could better serve the patients. This is for patients who have multiple chronic conditions, substance abuse, HIV, mental health, and physical problems from psychiatric medications, to see them all in one setting.
- Mr. Lape reported that the proposed electronic records keeping system was approved by the full TRMC board and will be implemented for behavioral health sometime in 2011.

### Atlantic Health/Overlook Hospital - Dr. Veronica Thomas

Dr. Thomas reported on Overlook Hospital.

- The Emergency Psychiatric Program will have seen approximately 1,600 patients by the end of the year.
- About 40% of people present with suicidal ideation. This is an increase.
- Overlook has a voluntary call back program for staff. Staff may be contacted at home to volunteer to come back work if there are three or more active patients.
- Overlook has a 24 bed voluntary unit, which is near or at capacity at all times. The admission rate from the emergency room to both voluntary and involuntary units has increased dramatically. Overlook committed between 120-150 people this year.
- Dr. Thomas stated that Overlook has partnered with the Neuroscience Department to do training with the nurses and crisis counselors to recognize the signs of delirium and make appropriate referrals. Some emergency room patients were misdiagnosed and referred to psychiatric services.
- Overlook has implemented the Plainfield Transportation program. Overlook partnered with Atlantic Ambulance to send patients from Plainfield to be screened by the mobile screeners, and transported directly to Trinitas Regional Medical Center for appropriate referral. To date approximately 175 people have used this service.
- Dr. Thomas reported that Overlook may pilot this service in Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains.
- Overlook operates the Emergency Room at Union Hospital.
- Overlook's client volume is up 4% this year but the length of time it takes to complete a case has increased by 30%.
- Anyone entering into emergency room is usually discharged or transferred within 24 hours.
- Overlook admits about 50% of the patients to the voluntary unit, and transfer out about 30% of the clients to the Trinitas involuntary unit.
- Overlook also has an intensive outpatient chemical dependency treatment program, and an intensive outpatient behavioral health program (IOP).

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAM EAGEN TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT REVIEWS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BARBARA JAMES. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **IV. COUNTY UPDATE**

- Ms. Regan reported that the MHB received three proposals to provide a Self-Help Center at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. The Board was asked to review and rank the proposal. Recommendations need to be returned to DMHS by December 7, 2010. The three proposals are from: Bridgeway Rehabilitation, Family Services of Burlington County, and Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey. Ometa Pope, Pam Eagan, Monica Lallo, and Regina Caulfield volunteered for the Review Committee.
- Ms. Regan reported that NJ DMHS is awaiting information on the implementation of the Involuntary Outpatient Commitment law. At the Association of County Mental Health Administrators meeting, administrators were asked by Valerie Larosaliere, acting Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to help identify County costs for implementation.
- Mr. Smith reported on the PAAD guidelines. The 2011 income limits will not change since there is no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase from Social Security.

#### **V. STATE UPDATE**

- Ms. Avallone reported that the Self Help Center RFP's were received and are being reviewed by DMHS and the counties. The awards date is December 10th, and the Appeals date is on December 24th. The final awards will be given in January 2011.
- The Volunteers of America site review is scheduled for the week of December 8th.
- The Olmstead update – Consumers that have been placed on Conditional Extension Pending Placement (CEPP) review for four months are eligible for placement opportunities in the community.
- Ms. Avallone reported that the State Mental Health Facilities Evaluation Task Force members have been appointed.
- Information is being gathered for ways to increase Medicaid reimbursement. Additional funds will then be reinvested in the system.
- The Psychiatric Advanced Directives are available on the web in Spanish.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Regan stated that the Annual MHB meeting will be held at the Administration Building 4th Floor training room. After the meeting, a meal will be served.

Mr. Smith reported that on December 3rd from 10am-2pm there is an Annual Art Show from the clients of Park Hotel that will be held at United Family and Children in Plainfield.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mental Health Board meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

## HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (HSAC)

November 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Tom Beck; Dorothy Blae; Pamela Capaci; Janice Chapin; Carolyn Cole; Clare Elton; Mike Galuppo; Frank Guzzo; Jim Harrington; Janice Lilien; Ginny Martin; Heather Mills-Pevonis; Tom Reedy; Rod Spearman; Susan Spurr; John Surmay; Rita Veiga

**Members Absent:** Frank Caragher; James Horne; Elizabeth Pineros; Michelle Sapp; Marc Snyder

**Member(s) Excused:** Charles Gillon; Laurie Egeth; Elaine Katz; Holly Phillips

**Alternate Members:** Ernestine Brookins for Ruben Coellar; Tarita Murray for Bertha Little-Mathews; Melinda Allen-Grote for Ellen McGovern

**UCDHS Staff:** Karen Dinsmore; Trish Stone; James Baker; Sarah Cordoma; Christina Topolosky; Katie Regan; Monica Lallo; Bernadette McCarthy

**Freeholder Liaison:** Bette Jane Kowalski

**State Representatives:** Luis Tamayo (DHS); Edward Thompson (DYFS); Les Williams (DDD); Myrna Pickny (DVR)

**Others Present:** Richard Hlavacek (Families and Communities Together); Julia Palacip (The Leaguers, Inc.); Sid Blanchard (Community Access Unlimited); Ella Teal (Urban League); Debbie Ann Anderson (United Way of Greater Union County); Gina Crowder (Community Coordinated Child Care); Barbara Gomes (NJ SHARES); John Becker (Elizabethtown Gas Company)

### I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Janice Chapin, Chair at 9:05 am

### II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

### III. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Chapin requested that members read the correspondence at their leisure.

### IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2010 MINUTES

**A MOTION WAS APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 6, 2010 MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:**

- Clarify wording in public announcement made by the YWCA of Eastern Union County to reflect that the agency held two separate events on October 28, 2010 at Kean University.
- Change Ms. Ginny Martin's meeting status from Absent to being Present

### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. CEAS/CoC COMMITTEE

Ms. Topolosky reported for the CEAS/CoC Committee.

- Ms. Topolosky reported that the Committee is currently in the process of developing a Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Union County. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ms.

Topolosky at 908-527-4839.

- The next CEAS meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010 at the Rahway Food for Friends, Rahway, NJ.
- The next Code Blue meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2010. Discussion will focus on preparations for this Winter season.
- The Point In Time Survey (PITS) of homelessness in Union County is scheduled to take place on January 26, 2011.

## **B. CHILD CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Martin reported on the Child Care Oversight Committee.

- Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies across the state have received funding from ShapingNJ to implement the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC) intervention. The NJ Department of Health and Senior Services-Office of Nutrition and Fitness (ONF), in partnership with ShapingNJ have initiated a statewide effort to develop and implement a plan to prevent and control obesity and other chronic diseases in children ages 2-5. The program is expected to begin in the Fall of 2010.
- It was reported by the State Department of Education that enrollment in Wrap-Around services in the former Abbott school districts of Elizabeth and Plainfield areas are very low. In 2009, 3100 children were enrolled. In 2010, enrollment is estimated at 1500 children. One possible explanation for the decreased enrollment may be attributed to the change in eligibility criteria.

## **C. RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS AND CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE (RACRC)**

Mr. Surmay reported for the Resource Allocations and Contract Review Committee (RACRC); a written report was distributed.

- The Committee review ten (10) currently funded agencies under the SSH funding stream for renewal consideration. Committee members were provided an 8 month cumulative level of service performance report from January 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010 (67% performance level used as benchmark) to be reviewed for each agency. The Committee expressed a concern with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless due to their lack of reporting. **A MOTION WAS APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE 2011 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$643,705, FOR A 12 MONTH BUDGET CYCLE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011, UPON THE CONDITION THAT UPDATED LEVEL OF SERVICE DATA FOR THE ELIZABETH COALITION TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 1, 2011. (ABSTENTIONS: J. LILIEN; C. ELTON; M. GROTE; J. CHAPIN; D. BLAE)**
- The Committee reviewed a total of eighteen (18) currently funded agencies under the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding stream for contract renewal consideration. Seven (7) contracts were administered by the State Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) and eleven (11) were administered by the State Division of Family Development (DFD). Committee members reviewed contract levels of service (CLOS), actual levels of service (ALOS) performance data (minimum of 6 months performance data as benchmark), current funding amounts; and projected funding amounts, if available for each agency. The Committee expressed concerns with low levels of service by several agencies and the submission of required reports in a timely manner. Letters of endorsement will note concerns with any contract that reflects less than 85% performance level. **A MOTION WAS APPROVED TO ENDORSE THE 2011 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT SPENDING PLAN IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$4,652,768 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011. (ABSTENTIONS: R. SPEARMAN; J. HARRINGTON; J. LILIEN; E. BROOKINGS)**

- The Committee also reviewed a written request from Family & Children's Services to revise their 2010 Peer Grouping subcontract. The agency requested to make adjustments to certain contracted levels of service so that service levels correspond more to actual demands for such services as experienced on a regular basis. **A MOTION WAS APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE 2010 PEER GROUPING SUBCONTRACT REVISION AS PRESENTED BY FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES. (ABSTENTIONS: J. HARRINGTON)**

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **A. NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)**

Mr. Tamayo reported for the Department of Human Services (DHS).

- The Department has scheduled a Fall Budget Forum on its FY 2012 budget to take place on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 9:30 am – Noon, at the DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities, 5 Commerce Place, Hamilton, NJ. Mr. Tamayo stated there's been discussions held at the state level that each county should conduct its own DHS budget forum and submit the priorities to the Department for consideration in the budget process.
- Rutgers University-Eagleton Institute of Politics has a "Program on Immigration and Democracy" which is collecting data on immigration patterns and mapping-out available resources located throughout the State. Mr. Tamayo suggested inviting representatives of this program to speak at a future HSAC meeting.
- New Jersey has implemented a 3 month extension of the Food Stamp program. The extension is expected to incur \$14 in savings for the average household.
- On April 30, 2010, Governor Christie signed a law creating the Central Registry for Offenders Against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The registry will contain the names of peoples found to have exploited, abused or neglected an individual in their care while they were either an employee or volunteer of the State Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) or an agency that DDD funds.

#### **Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)**

Mr. Les Williams reported for the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

- On November 9, 2010, DDD and the Union County Family Advocates will conduct their latest forum for Union County families at the ARC of Union County's Kohler School, Mountainside, NJ. One of the topics for discussion will include "advocating for disability services". In addition, Mr. Tom Baffuto, Executive Director- The ARC of New Jersey will present the agency's Survey of Family Needs.

### **B. NJ DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (DFD) Union County Area Directors Office**

Mr. Thompson reported for the Department of Children and Families.

- The DFD-Office of Communications has agreed to send out reports on DCF program statistics and other relevant information via its web site. Mr. Thompson will forward the information to Mr. Baker for distribution to HSAC members.

### **C. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)**

No report was given at this time.

#### **D. YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION (YSC)**

A written report was given at this time; a written report was distributed.

#### **E. DIVISION ON AGING (DOA)**

Ms. McCarthy reported for the Division on Aging; a written report was distributed.

- The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) administered by the State Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is the process of hiring a new coordinator in the near future.
- The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be accepting applications beginning November 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. The program is designed to assist low-income families/individuals with paying home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. Residents of Union County seeking an application should contact PROCEED, Inc. at (908) 351-7727 ext. 292.
- The Universal Service Fund (USF) program is designed to assist families/individuals with paying the cost of gas and electricity services. Households seeking assistance with their gas/electric bills must spend more than 3% of their annual income on such services. Households that heat by electricity must spend more than 6% of their annual income on electricity. Additional information can be viewed at [www.energyassistancenj.gov](http://www.energyassistancenj.gov).
- Ms. McCarthy announced that November is National Family Caregivers Month. There are approximately 65 million caregivers in the nation, and 60,000 of that number are in Union County.
- On November 6, 2010, the Division on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association are sponsoring the Annual Caregiver Conference at Union County College-Cranford Campus, Cranford, NJ. Adult day care will be provided at the Engel Adult Day Care Center in Cranford, for those needing the service. To register for the Conference, call The Alzheimer's Association at 973/586-4300 ext. 111.

#### **F. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Ms. Regan reported for the Behavioral Health Unit; a written report was distributed.

- Dudley House located in the City of Plainfield has received its license to provide outpatient and halfway house services. An announcement will be made regarding the opening of the facility, once an executed contract from Union County has been received.
- Ms. Regan announced that Pamela Capaci, Director of Prevention Links has been appointed by the State Division of Addiction Services (DAS) to serve on a committee that will develop a five year Addiction Prevention Strategic Plan.
- Union County's Municipal Alliance Program (MAP) has been selected by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) to participate in the first training class sponsored by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). The Coalition will provide three training classes over a two year period for all twenty-one counties. The training classes are expected to take place in 2011 and held at the Coalitions' Academy in Trenton, NJ.
- Union County's Mental Health Board (MHB) has applied for a \$2500 Disaster Liaison Grant from the NJ Division of Mental Health Services' Disaster and Terrorism Branch. This grant will be used to certify and maintain a volunteer mental health response group.
- Prevention Links was acknowledged for the success of their Annual Red Ribbon Day event held on October 23, 2010 in Cranford, NJ.

#### **G. OFFICE OF THE DISABLED**

No report was given at this time; a written report was distributed.



## H. DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE/FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER UPDATE

No report was given at this time.

## I. FORECLOSURE TASK FORCE

Ms. Dinsmore reported for the Foreclosure Task Force.

- On October 18, 2010, a Public Educational Forum called Moving from Fear to Positive Action took place at the St. Helen's Church Auditorium, Westfield, NJ. The forum was presented by Union County's Human Relations Commission and Foreclosure Task Force, in cooperation with the NJ Public Defender's Office of Dispute Settlement, and the Union County Superior Court. The forum was held as an effort to raise public awareness of the problem of foreclosures in Union County. The meeting was considered successful. The next forum will be in Spanish and for the Elizabeth area. It is the intention of the Task Force to stage future forums throughout Union County.
- Ms. Teal, President of Union County's Urban League thanked the Foreclosure Task Force on behalf of housing counseling agencies (Union County) for its help with the foreclosure crisis in Union County.

## VII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Chapin stated that Mr. Baker will be contacting members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for developing the 2011 Slate of Officers for HSAC.

### **PRESENTATION: NJ SHARES and Elizabethtown Gas**

**Barbara Gomes/NJ SHARES; John Becker/Elizabethtown Gas**

- Ms. Gomes reported that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is one of several energy programs operated by the agency. LIHEAP is a federally funded program that provides energy assistance to low income households that are or at below the 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). In 2009, income eligibility was set at 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. The percentage decrease in the FPL may mean an estimated 15,000 households may not qualify for this assistance. This program accepts applications from November 1, 2010 thru April 30, 2011.
- NJ SHARES is expecting to receive approximately \$25 million from State government as result of legislation passed in January 2010, effective July 1, 2010. This funding would support assisting low income households with energy costs related to electricity, propane and oil deliveries.
- Verizon provides a Communication Lifeline program that discounts local telephone service to low income residents and seniors at or below 150% of the FPL. November 15th is the deadline for recertification under this program.
- NJ SHARES administers the New Jersey American Water H-2- To Help Others Program and the Low Income Payment Plan (LIPP). Applicants must be at or below 200% of the FPL and have made a good faith payment within 90 days of applying, to receive a maximum grant of \$500 dollars. Customers at or below 175% of the FPL may qualify for a reduced rate.
- Mr. Becker, Energy Assistance Coordinator for Elizabethtown Gas discussed ways to achieve reduced energy costs by making homes more energy efficient. Elizabethtown Gas, in collaboration with NJ Comfort Partners offers homeowners weatherization measures such as: heating system repair or replacement, refrigerator replacement, insulation, weather stripping, caulking and in some cases window/door replacement. Work performed by Comfort Partners is free for those who qualify.
- Anyone interested in weatherization, should contact the 2-1-1 information line and they will connect the individual with a contractor.

## VIII. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

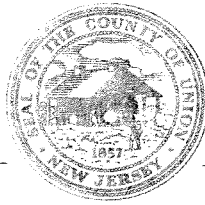
- Ms. Spurr announced that she will be facilitating an advocacy group sponsored by the Disabled in Action. The group will meet at the Union Township Library on November 10, 2010 from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- Ms. Anderson announced that the United Way of Greater Union County is hosting a forum on its Prisoner Re-entry Program on December 3, 2010 at Union County College – Kellogg Building, Elizabeth, NJ. The guest speaker will be the State’s Deputy Attorney General and possible attendance by State Senator Raymond Lesniak.
- Ms. Teal announced that the Urban League is celebrating its Equal Opportunity Day dinner on Wednesday, November 10, 2010.
- Ms. Chapin announced that the HSAC Annual Meeting will be held at The Westwood, Garwood, NJ. Please contact Sarah Cordoma to RSVP at 908/527-4842 or via fax at 908/558-2562.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am

**The next Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting will be held on December 1, 2010 at The Westwood, Garwood, NJ.**

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*He Van Bladen*

# COUNTY OF UNION

MORSES CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

## MORSE CREEK MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2010

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The regular Morse Creek meeting was held on Monday, October 3, 2010, at Roselle Borough Hall.

The following members were present: Christine Dansereau, Richard Marsden, George Vircik and Paul Leso and Tom Mineo.

There, being a quorum Richard Marsden called the regular meeting to order. Mr. Marsden wishes to announce that pursuant to the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Morses Creek Flood Control Commission has been given by the mailing of the 2010 Annual Meeting Notice to the newspapers circulating within the County of Union and designated to receive such notice, and by posting the 2010 Annual Meeting Schedule with the Office of the County Clerk and the Clerk of each member Municipality. The Chair requests that the Recording Secretary enter the above statement in full in the minutes of this meeting.

**Treasure Report** – Ending balance as of August 31, 2010 is \$6,823.43.

**Old Business** – Minutes were approved with corrections. Christine Dansereau and Maser contacted Assemblyman Cryan in reference to communicating with DEP about the progress of the permits. Paul Leso stated that if Ms. Dansereau doesn't hear from Assemblyman Cryan in a few days he would reach out to him. The Project Manager is the Person from DEP that releases the permits.

Christine Dansereau asked about Roselle Park in regard to the Westbrook Project. Some one from Roselle Park had approached her in reference to Roselle Parks flooding. Paul and Tom stated no one had personally approached them.

Another concern of Ms. Dansereau is that from St. George Avenue to Roselle Catholic we have concrete walls and floors. She went out and took a look at them and it appears in certain areas that they are sinking. It is from Linden all the way through. Even though there are easements they need some sort of hedging. Tom Mineo stated that the Department of Public Works should inspect the area every year. The area should be maintained and if they don't have the capacity to do it then the engineer.

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**New Business** – George Vircik inquired about the Christmas Party in case we don't have a meeting in November.

A discussion pursued about NJAFM and the commission was asked to look into it. The New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management is a statewide organization. NJAFM is also a chapter of the National Association of State Floodplain Managers.

**Public Portion -**

**Adjournment**

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# COUNTY OF UNION

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
Frank L. Guzzo, Director

MINUTES – November 9, 2010

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Darrell Hatchett, Co-chair, called the meeting to order.

## II. INTRODUCTIONS

All that was present made introductions.

## ATTENDANCE

### BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

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Chairman

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DARRELL C. HATCHETT  
Division Director

### Present

Bruce Colandrea  
Marissa Mansueto  
Derrick McGhee  
Ellen Grod, Esq.  
Darrell Hatchett  
Karen M. Robinson  
Thomas Reedy  
Jose Perez  
Marsha Pendergrass  
Yoselin Melgar  
Yvette Garner  
Julia Leftwich

### Administrator

Monica Lallo, Excused

### Program Development Aide

Ivette M. Anzelone

### Absent

Judge Frederic McDaniel, Excused  
Josue Anacius  
Vera Atkinson  
Thomas M. Beck  
Marlyse Benson  
Heather Mills -Pevonis, Excused  
Marie Thelusma-Chase  
John Downs, Sr., Excused  
Mark Sperber, Esq., Excused  
Sheriff Ralph Froehlich  
Detective James Grady  
Pamela Capaci, Excused  
Gregory Lyons  
Freeholder Nancy Ward  
Lesley Moore  
Kenya Muchcanda  
Katie Regan, Excused  
Melanie Williams  
Catherine Rousseau Saintilien  
Rod Spearman  
Susan Gleason

### Guests

Lynn Lucas, JJC  
Robert Mercado, JJC-Juvenile Parole  
Terry Epps, JJC  
Nicole McQuillen, Care Plus  
Maria Perez, Proceed

## DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

### **III. Motion to Approve Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 Youth Services Commission Meeting was made by Jose Perez and seconded by Karen Robinson.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **2011 Outcome Measurement Training**

On Wednesday, December 1, 2010 Monica Lallo will be holding a mandatory "2011 Outcome Training" for all service providers and staff members that work with YSC contracts. The meeting will last one hour from 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. and will be held in the large conference room on the fourth floor of the Administration Building.

Based upon the requirements by the Juvenile Justice Commission for 2011, outcomes stated in the service provider's contracts must be addressed. It's imperative that the outcomes outlined in the contracts be achieved during the contract period for each participant; therefore, we will be hosting the Outcome Training on December 1, 2010.

Darrell Hatchett stated that we are now in an environment where there is much more competition and limited funding for the services that we provide. What has become necessary is an emphasis on having evidence based programming and best practice models that would be looked at by funding sources, state or federal government. The State would like to see outcomes used, to be the same ones utilized with the JAMS system. There will be a restructuring of the JAMS system to better measure the outcomes of the services that the Youth Services Commission provide service providers through JJC funding.

Darrell Hatchett also told Commission members that based upon the Youth Services recommendation the County has approve a performance management and monitoring program called Social Solutions.

Social Solutions is the leading provider of performance management software for human services, connecting efforts to outcomes, people to social services, and service providers and communities to funders. The company's ETO software goes beyond case management, enabling public, private, and nonprofit organizations, such as Harlem Children's Zone®, Catholic Charities, Annie E. Casey Foundation, HUD, and cities such as Boston and Hartford to collaborate, save time, and improve quality and effectiveness.

ETO software by Social Solutions helps you understand which of your efforts are working and which are not. With this knowledge you can make ongoing adjustments to your programs that will continuously improve your ability to effect change. Understanding the impact of your efforts and then using that information to improve your performance is what ETO software is all about.

Darrell Hatchett stated, "We will keep you advised of the status of Social Solutions. It will require us to meet and brainstorm on how to customize this system so it's valuable to everyone."

### **2011 Contracts – Submission Deadline**

The deadline for the service providers to submit their 2011 contract renewal is Thursday, December 16, 2010.

Please contact Ms. Lallo if you have any questions or problems.

### **DMC – Subcommittee**

The New Jersey Association of County Youth Services Commission Administrators and the National Coalition on Juvenile Justice hosted a national conference, Fundamental Fairness: Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City. The agenda for the conference on Sunday evening and Monday was focused on the successes and challenges faced in New Jersey around the issue of disproportionate minority contact. Both Monica Lallo and Darrell Hatchett attended this informative conference.

Ms. Lallo will now be heading-up a DMC Subcommittee for the County of Union. She is looking for volunteers to help her implement what she believes will put the County in a better position to respond to the Disproportionate Minority Concerns (DMC) as it relates to juveniles in detention, which is 95% minority.

Please contact Ms. Lallo if you are interested in being part of the DMC Subcommittee

### **Presentation – Lynn Lucas, Juvenile Justice Commission**

Lynn Lucas from the Juvenile Justice Commission gave a presentation on Re-entry to the Commission members.

Lynn Lucas stated, "I am involved with re-entry for the Juvenile Justice Commission. This is something, I feel, is very important to everyone in this room. I know that Union County is already very much involved with Re-entry and that it is discussed at the Youth Services Commission meetings.

I am very happy to report that during the last administration, when former Governor Corzine presented the strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods, I was asked to co-chair the Juvenile Assembly Re-entry Sub-committee, and Monica represented Union County and the State Association of Youth Services Administrators incredibly well. She has really helped to keep the conversation focused and this is something that is very important to her as well.

I tend to give a global perspective on re-entry, because I feel that it has some significance for everyone. In today's economy, it's important for us to think about the resources that we have available. Resources are shrinking, and that should come as no surprise to anyone that's involved with the public sector in New Jersey.

When we do re-entry well, we increase public safety. When we increase public safety, it helps to stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods, makes them safer, brings down the crime rate, and raises property values. Also, when we do re-entry well, we prevent recidivism. When juveniles are in correctional settings we are paying to keep them there and they become a fiscal liability as opposed to a revenue source when they are employed. When they pay income taxes and contribute to social security we all benefit. So, as you just heard there are lots of good reasons to be invested in juvenile offender re-entry. There is a lot of potential to really make a dent in public safety, community revitalization, and when planning for the budget in the future, which is particularly important given the state of the economy.

The Employment Training Administration stated that if the country doesn't have a workforce that is trained, and educated, and capable of performing the jobs we need them to do in the future to make us competitive in the global market place, we would be in serious trouble at every level. The US Department of Labor in collaboration with the US Department of Human Services and The Department of Education collaborated to set forth a shared youth vision. What this vision states is that there are many levels of public and private agencies at all levels of government that in some way touch on the lives of young people. No one entity has all the knowledge, or the resources to adequately address the needs of young people, and therefore, we need to partner and collaborate if we are to effectively deal with these issues. The money that is available comes from the Federal Government and they require, as part of the grant application process, a collaboration of local key stake holders to basically do two things. First, is to hear the cases that are coming home from a correctional setting and help them access services. Secondly, at the policy level, to have a discussion about the barriers and obstacles that the juveniles have to face when they come home and how it can be addressed for a better re-entry outcome."

A Commission member asked a question. What are the expectations in order for us to move forward in terms of the information that was presented?

Darrell Hatchett stated that the first thing that we have to have is a strong base of representatives coming to the table to discuss these issues.

Monica Lallo chaired a Re-entry meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 and representatives from the Juvenile Justice Commission, Department of Human Services, One Stop Career Services, and the Board of Social Services was in attendance. They discussed updates regarding the State Juvenile Re-entry Task Force, which was created to help formerly incarcerated juveniles find re-entry programs and services that will prevent recidivism and have a positive outcome. The meeting was important, because it brought representatives together to work collaboratively to assess what services are available that will best meet the needs of juveniles returning to their communities in Union County.

Robert Mercado from the Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Parole stated, "Most of the youth that come out on parole are seventeen and a half to eighteen and nineteen years old. They are considered juveniles, because they committed their offense when they were juveniles and they were adjudicated and not convicted. When they come out they are still under the supervision of the Commission, so we still engage them in youth services throughout the state. What we would like the Commission to consider is their age, because historically they were in their adolescent years of sixteen and seventeen and now they are a little older. The juveniles that



are incarcerated now are high risk, with multiple needs. They are considered multi-system juveniles that come back with an array of needs.

The Commission is doing assessments, that will identify their needs when they get released, and working with Monica through the Re-entry MDT keeps track of how the youth are doing while they are with us and what kind of services they will need when they come back. We know that if youth are employed, and if they are in school, and they are complying with treatment that the likelihood of recidivism is much less. Not having those services in place increases their risk of reoffending. We really work hard in the Juvenile Justice Commission to develop this discharge planning process that engages families, organizational units and communities. The Youth Services Commission is an integral part of that process. By the time the juvenile is released a plan is put into place that will address the needs of the juvenile and his family. We want to make sure that the juveniles are successful and don't come back into the system."

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the Youth Services Commission meeting was made by Jose Perez and seconded by Karen Robinson

The Youth Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

The next Youth Services Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 3:30 P.M.**

**UNION COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**October 5, 2010**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to order 7:00 PM / roll call by sign in  
Present: Ed Heaton, Ina White, William Manhardt, Kevin Illing,  
Rosemary Coppola, Lea Lieberman and Bill Totten  
Veolia: Melvin Barkley  
Staff: Kathy Carmello, Helen Kirsch, Melvin Barkley  
A) Minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting approved  
B) Lea, Kevin and Rosemary said they would assist in our attempt to  
recruit new board members. There are two vacancies at this time.
  
- II. **2010 SCDRTAP:**  
A) Kathy and Melvin attended the NJT CAC review of the Union County  
SCDRTAP application on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> @NJT HQ in Newark. Kathy did  
a power point presentation highlighting the goals and objectives for  
next year and accomplishments of last year. The application was  
unanimously approved.
  
- III. **Old Business:**  
A) At the last meeting board members were asked to review the User's  
Guide and submit suggestions to be incorporated in the new guide to  
be printed early next year. None were received from the board  
members the administrative staff handle rewrite/changes. NJT has  
advised that we must include an anti-discrimination clause which Kathy  
read to the group. A brief discussion followed.
  
- III. **New Business:**  
A) Fare Policy – Amount collected to date \$101,475.00.  
B) There are no changes to the Paratransit Vehicle Fleet. Four vehicles  
were sold at the county auction. We have not been advised of the  
amount received but all monies will be returned to Paratransit.

C) **COST Update:**

Kathy reported that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual NJ COST Vendor Expo was held at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Union County won two awards – Helen received the 2010 Administrative Employee of the Year and Joe Haligowski, received 2010 Maintenance Employee of the Year. (2<sup>nd</sup> time win) Both were honored with a Laudatory Resolution at the next Freeholder meeting. Joe along with our two mechanics attended a workshop for lift maintenance and repair held prior to the award presentation.

V. **Paratransit Report:**

Melvin distributed and discussed reports concerning current trips and miles. They are making progress with the move to the new facility. They are scheduled to appear before the Union boards in December with a move date anticipated for January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

He was pleased to report that they have passed 60 days with no chargeable accidents. If they reach their goal of 90 days the drivers will be recognized with a dinner.

VI. **NJ Transit Report:**

No Report

VII. **Bureau of Transportation Report:**

No Report

VIII. **Adjournment:**

- A) Next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2010
- B) Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM.

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**UCBA MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2010**

CLERK OF THE BOARD  
UNION COUNTY, N. J.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Jim Iozzi.

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Present: Jim Iozzi, Damien Kane, John Langan, Stan Saniuk, Jim Peters, Tony Scamardella, Tom Urban, Leo Spirito, Karen Pedersen

Treasurer's report was presented by Damien Kane. Checking account balance as of December 7, 2010 is \$30,929.36. CD balance is \$21,631.30. The \$20,000 County reimbursement for 2010 has been received. There was a \$1,926.81 loss for the summer league. Fall league profit was \$1,709.

Jim then turned the meeting over to John Langan for discussion regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Hot Stove Dinner. John stated that letters soliciting ads for the dinner program have been sent out. An ad committee was formed and members submitted names and addresses of businesses and individuals who might be interested in placing ads. Raffles will not be held at this year's dinner. Application will be made with the state to obtain the proper licensing to hold raffle drawings, and the raffles will resume in the future. Damien Kane will move forward on this.

All awards will be given at the dinner as in the past. Youth League award winners will be called up as a group to receive their Freeholder resolutions, having received their trophies at the picnic at the end of the season. There will be no featured guest speaker. A suggestion was made to have a "giveaway" item for all attendees at the dinner. Damien will look into this and find an appropriate item.

Jim asked Tom Urban to give the group a summary of the summer and fall leagues. Tom reported that there were approximately 160 participants in the summer league and that there were more representatives from different parts of the County than in past years. Weather conditions were good and the fields were well maintained. Things went very smoothly with the uniform order from the new vendor. The picnic went well and is very organized because we hold it inside the skating rink. Tom mentioned that four members of the summer staff will not be returning next year. The fall league was down to eleven teams this year. There were a number of new coaches in the various high schools and budget restrictions were two reasons that there were less teams this year. Stan Saniuk raised a question about using the safety chest protectors which have been put into use recently. Tom said that while more teams are putting these chest protectors to use, they are not required. A question was also raised regarding coaches in the summer league becoming certified. Tom would also like to have the summer staff trained in first aid and CPR. Tom and Damien will find out how to go about doing both of these things for insurance and safety reasons.

Next meeting date to be announced. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Meeting minutes taken by Karen Pedersen**

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**UNION COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL  
BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Draft Record for comments and acceptance at September 15, 2010 meeting.**

**RECORD OF THE MEETING**

The July 7, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:35 PM by the chairman Andre Luboff.

The following voting members were present:

**ATTENDEE**

Joseph Pubchara  
Hugh Welsh  
Alexander Sharpe  
Jack Molenaar  
Carol Westervelt  
Andre Luboff  
Tony Hall  
Roger Stryeski  
Patrick McShane  
John Morgan  
Anton Evers  
William Wright

**REPRESENTING**

Clark  
Cranford  
Elizabeth  
Fanwood  
Kenilworth  
New Providence  
Rahway  
Roselle  
Roselle  
Scotch Plains and Westfield  
Summit  
Member- At-Large

Also attending:

Liza Betz  
Thomas Mineo  
**George Vircik**  
Thomas Jones  
Josh Schneider  
Sallie Morris  
Bob Pegg  
Bob Kay  
James Gilligan

Division of Planning & Community Development  
County Engineer, Division of Engineering  
**City of Linden Engineer (failed to be included in attendee's list)**  
Public  
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COMMUNICATIONS

Liza Betz had no communications to share with the Board.

REPORTS

The Board of Freeholders passed a resolution in March regarding the Bayonne Bridge that was essentially in accord with that suggested by the Transportation Advisory Board.

A question was raised regarding the future of the former Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne. Andre Luboff gave a brief outline of the background of the facility and Hugh Welsh gave a detailed explanation of the current issues regarding that facility.

Tom Mineo reported that there are eight ARRA (stimulus) projects underway.

Bill Wright reported that there is a proposal in Trenton to raise the gas tax and there is also a bill pending in Washington. He noted further that he felt that the gas tax should be raised and the Gulf oil spill has caused people to look at subsidies being provided for automobiles.

Liza Betz reported that starting last year rides are \$1 per trip to use the county Paratransit System and as a result \$63,000 was raised within the first 12 months of the new policy.

LOCAL ISSUES

The Chairman explained that the purpose of having local issues on the agenda is to allow local municipalities to report on innovations or projects they have under taken.

No local issues were presented.

RESOLUTION

A resolution was presented by Tony Hall regarding the need for safety improvements on Saint George's Avenue in Rahway. Jack Molenaar recommended eliminating the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> "Whereas" clauses so that the resolution would not be personal to Mr. Hall but rather more objective. Mr. Hall concurred in that suggestion and the clauses were struck.

Liza Betz suggested switching the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraphs.

A motion was made by Jack Molenaar that the motion be adopted. The motion was passed with 5 yeas, 3 nays and 2 abstentions. John Morgan voting twice, once each for Scotch Plains and Westfield and Joseph Pubchara for Clark, opposed the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman announced that the elections originally scheduled for March would be held. Hugh Welsh noted that although the election was being held in July, the term would nevertheless, end in March 2011. Liza Betz reported that the nomination committee recommended continuing the current slate of officers for another term. The current slate of officers was elected by acclamation for a term ending in March 2011:

Andre Luboff                                  Chairman

Steve Thorpe

**Alexander ~~Sharp~~ Sharpe**

Hugh Welsh

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman (*last name misspelled*)

Secretary

**Open Space, Kid Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund  
Freeholder Standing Committee  
Minutes – June 10, 2010**

**Attendance**

**George Devanney, County Manager  
Elizabeth Genievich  
Freeholder Deborah Scanlon  
Freeholder Mohammad Jalloh  
Freeholder Bette J. Kowalski  
Robert Barry County Counsel  
Frank Padusniak  
Al Faella  
Joe Graziano  
Michael Brennan  
Victoria Durbin-Drake  
Jennifer Porzio  
Edith Maree  
Mary Codispoti – Maser Engineering  
Joe Venezia  
Dr. Ray Walker  
Julia Algeo**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Freeholder Scanlon and turned over to Vikki Drake. Vikki asked for permission to apply for a new grant that was being offer by Green Acres. The application is due on July 31, 2010 and she would be making the request for Oakridge Park. The dollar amount is approximately 7 to 9 hundred thousand dollars could be award. She also asked if Birdsall could handle the project since they were completing the master plan of parks. George asked if we could use the on call money rather than request money per resolution. Bob said it doesn't matter how we do it but it would be better to go thru the master plan of park.

Vikki asked if we could offer the Greening Union County Grant to the municipalities and the committee said yes.

Merchant of Drover – They are requesting emergency funding from the county since a vehicle ran into their building. They do have insurance coverage but as of now unaware of what the insurance will cover. Freeholder Jalloh would like to know when they will know what the insurance company will be paying before we give them any money. Vikki explained they're only asking for \$17,000.00 to get started and we would be taking this from the emergency fund we have setup.



George announced that Burt Zitomer will be joining the county counsel office and work on Trust Fund and other things as an attorney.

Vikki ask for permission to change account number on previous resolution request.

A presentation was given y Maser Engineering concerning the four lakes within the county. Briant Pond, Miesel Pond, Nomahegan Lake and Rahway River Lake and Lagoon. These areas would require some basic dredging and repairs to structural along with improvement of vegetation status.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm

**COUNTY OF UNION NJ  
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ADVISORY BOARD  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7.35 PM by Chairman Jerome Feder at the Union County Annex, Westfield. Minutes of the June 28h 22nd meeting were approved.

PRESENT

Jerome Feder (Westfield), Joe Groder (Springfield), Jacob Magiera (Roselle Park), Ron McGetrick (New Providence), Bob Beiner (Kenilworth), Rick Obroch (Winfield), John Nicholas (Summit), Jeff Robinson (Rahway), Barbara Krause (Cranford).

Noise Control Council

Gov. Christie has proposed eliminating the NJ Noise Control Council. We have voted to authorize Chairman Feder to prepare and distribute a resolution that the State of NJ retains the NJDEP Noise Control Council.

Redesign Update

Steve Kelly no longer redesign manager.  
FAA made agreement with flight controllers that they have to sign off on changes  
A big step in the right direction to improve relationships  
No action on congressional funding

Follow up to 6/28/10 UCATNAB Meeting with the FAA

Chairman Feder presented a draft of a follow up letter to be sent to the attendees regarding our concerns as outlined at the meeting. This included an analysis and challenges to the FAA statements. A history of noise experiences as well as actions (inactions) going back to the Solberg Mitigation is also included. A vast amount of data to back up our concerns is also presented. The cordiality at the meeting was also encouraging.

Recent Member Noise Survey.

More noise since Labor Day

Redesign Implementation Status

EWR Dispersal headings not instituted to date.

Meeting adjourned at 9.10PM  
Respectfully Submitted

Joseph Groder

MEETING SUMMARY FROM THE OCTOBER 18TH  
RARITAN VALLEY RAIL COALITION MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE, WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9TH  
MEETING SUMMARY

Chairman Palmer welcomed attendees to the October 2010 Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Meeting. He asked for attendees to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance. After Chairman Palmer asked for a motion to approve the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting summary. The motion was approved and the membership unanimously approved the August 9<sup>th</sup> rail coalition meeting summary.

Chairman Palmer stated that in order to maximize the groups time with Mr. Weinstein the public comment portion of the meeting would be held until the question and answer session after Mr. Weinstein' had completed his comments regarding the ARC Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY MAKE A COMMENT OR ASK A QUESTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FEATURED PRESENTATION: MR. JAMES WEINSTEIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NJ TRANSIT CORPORATION PRESENTING AN UPDATE ON IMPORTANT PROJECTS AFFECTING RARITAN VALLEY SERVICE AND STATIONS**

Chairman Palmer introduced NJ Transit Executive Director James Weinstein as today's featured speaker. He is a former NJDOT Commissioner. Mr. Weinstein said he appreciated the opportunity to talk to the group today. Mr. Weinstein stated it seems appropriate doe today's subject that today is the 100 anniversary of Penn Station, New York. He stated that 40 days ago Governor Christie instituted a 30-day hiatus on the ARC project so that no new work would be commenced. Existing work on the project would continue. No new property would be acquired and the execution of the contract to dig the Manhattan tunnel was not advanced. The Governors main focus at this time was to determine whether New Jersey could afford to pay for the tunnel. Staff at NJ Transit, consultants and the FTA reviewed the cost estimates and calculated the potential cost overruns. The Executive committee for the ARC Project recommended to the Governor to suspend the project. The reason is potential total project cost. NJ Transit has been working with the FTA to come to a full funding grant agreement. That discussion yielded that the total project cost ranged from \$8.7 to \$10 billion dollars. The FTA estimated a \$10 - \$14 billion dollar total project cost. Governor Christie noted the issue is who is going to be responsible for the cost overruns over \$8.7 billion. Mega projects of this size come in very often over their initial cost estimates.

Mr. Weinstein said the FTA is very skittish about the estimates along with the

Governor are very concerned about putting the tax payers and commuters on the hook for repaying cost overruns for an unknown amount of funding. The Governor was also concerned about the location of the station. Those two items together led the Governor to suspend activity on the project and begin to look for viable solutions to the trans-Hudson crossing congestion problem. Amtrak and NJ Transit need to increase capacity in order to address projected doubling rail rider ship. The Governor is not happy about being in this position but continues to be resolute he will not put the taxpayers and commuters on the hook to owe an unknown amount of funding in the future.

US DOT, Transportation Secretary Ray LeHood, FTA Administrator Rogoff and Chief Council all agreed to a two week period during which the Governor would try and resolve the major issues. The main issue is who will be responsible for paying for the project cost overruns. If the project goes over budget who will be responsible for paying for it. Mr. Weinstein noted that both sides are putting forward a good faith effort. A lot of time has been spent and the discussions will continue. The ARC Project does not include Portal Bridge south.

The Portal Bridge replacement project is broken into two parts. The Portal Bridge north is the basic replacement of existing Portal Bridge. The Portal bridge south project would be the drive way to the new tunnel. NJ Transit is solely responsible for paying for the Portal south project. The current cost estimate is at \$800 million dollars. The record of decision from the FTA states NJ cannot use the ARC Tunnel until Portal south is built. Therefore an additional \$800 million has to be added to the project cost. The projected funding gap is between \$1 – 2 billion dollars. Some of the gap is risk and some is actual dollars.

The current financial scheme calls for the FTA to contribute \$3 billion dollars in new starts funding. The PANYNJ share is \$3 billion dollars. New Jersey Transit and the New Jersey Turnpike share of \$1.25 billion. The remainder would come from NJDOT and NJ Transit through a variety of funding mechanisms. Most funding would be federal funds including CMAQ and flex funds from the highways sides. The Governor has serious concerns about the location of the tunnel and that it is not a through tunnel. The location and cost are the two issues being discussed with USDOT and FTA. The deadline on whether to cancel the project is at the end of the week. The Governor did not withdraw his order to terminate the ARC Project. Something will have to happen by Friday October 22nd since stop work orders have been issued to the construction crews. Termination notices have been issued to the design team and construction management teams. They will take effect at the end of this week. A good faith effort is being put forth by all parties to resolve the remaining issues.

Mr. Weinstein thanked the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition for offering him the opportunity to speak. Mr. Weinstein the Executive Director of NJ Transit stated that the Portal Bridge is a key project because the bridge is a major cause of delay on the corridor. The Portal Bridge is a weak link in the entire system. NJ

Transit and Amtrak have supplied a joint application for replacement of the Portal Bridge for the north existing bridge. The application was submitted to the federal high speed rail program. This will replace the northern existing Portal Bridge. Both NJ Transit and Amtrak would have to come with the matching local share if they are awarded a high speed rail grant. Replacing the Portal Bridge is one of the key tasks facing NJ Transit and Amtrak on the northeast corridor. All lines feed into the Northeast Corridor line. The old Portal Bridge is a swing bridge that gets stuck open and causes delays along the entire northeast corridor. Part of that project that NJ Transit/Amtrak has applied funding for includes improvements to the Hunter interlocking.

The Hunter interlocking is where Raritan Valley trains connect with the northeast corridor. This is at grade until the Hunter crossing issue can be solved the Raritan Valley line trains will have to cross the entire corridor. It slows the entire corridor down. Until the Hunter crossing issue is solved Raritan Valley line commuters will not be able to take significant advantage of more same platform transfers. There are other spots along the NEC like Jersey Avenue that have similar problems.

In terms of other projects the acquisition of dual powered locomotives is a very important project. The first dual powered locomotive came off the line about a month ago in Germany. The delivery of the next four will take place in the next 12-18 months. The prototype locomotive will be tested in Colorado by the FRA while NJ Transit personnel learn how to operate the locomotives as they work out the kinks during limited service on the NJ Transit rail system. A joint procurement was done with AMT of Montreal. The process will go slow while you work out the kinks. Within the next 18-24 months the dual powered locomotives will be put into service. An order for additional 100 bi-level cars will be ordered and delivered within 18 months.

In terms of the other issues the Somerville station rehabilitation is underway. The work is being completed on pedestrian tunnel, stairs, electrical wiring. Crews are working on the west bound side which will open in November while work is completed on the east end platform. The Central New Jersey Raritan Valley Transit Study is underway the report is being finalized and should be completed by the late fall. The Annandale station is in the queue for repairs. A new transit shelter has been put up at the Annandale Station and NJ Transit is working to fix potholes in the parking lot. A tentative plan exists to repave the entire parking lot in the spring. The parking lot issue NJ Transit has been working with a private sector consultant team to evaluate how to better utilize their existing parking lots.

Mr. Weinstein stated NJ Transit is putting together a public-private procurement of about 300 parking lots. Parking is essential to the success of the transit system. There are firms that can administer parking better than NJ Transit. NJ transit is looking to develop a model to improve and standardize parking across the entire transit system. The initial procurement has about 300 lots. The

partnership will be with a private sector firm so that they can make the improvements in technology and make improvements such as constructing structured parking. This approach has potential for real improvement of parking statewide. NJ Transit will retain control over the parking and their will be standards that have to be met. The standards include meeting the quality of the parking experience and also make sure that parking customers are not being price gauged. Having enough quality parking is critical to the functioning of the rail and bus systems. NJDOT and the NJ Turnpike Authority are also teaming together in this initial parking lot project.

Mr. Weinstein noted than no parking lots in communities that do not want expanded parking such as structured parking will be included in this project. Also NJ Transit understands that TOD is being viewed by many communities for future redevelopment within their municipalities. NJ Transit is looking to work with the towns by forming this public-private partnership to help advance transit oriented development projects. The project includes language about developing properties consistent with the vision in which the parking lot is located.

Assemblywoman Stender spoke in support of the ARC project. She noted her concern that neither the Governor nor the Transportation Commissioner mentioned the need to save the project and make it happen. There was language about the concerns over funding issues. She stated that she hopes there is an attitude of working to make the ARC Project doable given whatever level of funding is available. Assemblywoman Stenders concern is that she did not hear a firm commitment to the project from either the NJDOT Transportation Commissioner or the Governor when they spoke about the project. Assemblywoman Stender noted that her bigger concern is the shifting of New Jersey's share of ARC funding to bailout the state Transportation Trust Fund. Assemblywoman Stender noted that the she wanted to express her support for funding the ARC Project because of its importance to Raritan Valley line passengers. She reiterated her support for finding a way to fund the project so it gets constructed. Assemblywoman Stender stressed many persons that depend on the rail line for transportation and that this project will improve their commute but also may increase their property values.

Mr. Weinstein noted that Mr. Simpson, NJDOT Commissioner is leading the charge on renewing the transportation trust fund issue. Mr. Weinstein noted that the Governor would love to accomplish the trust fund and construct the ARC Tunnel. The issue is the Governor willing to the put the taxpayers of New Jersey on the hook for an undetermined amount of money while not knowing how you would pay for it. The gap is about \$1.8- \$2 billion dollars. If the economy was better then and trying to see a way clear that the ARC Project will be constructed. The commitment to the project has to be real and tied to a real revenue source. The Governor will not allow New Jersey's tax payers and commuters on the hook for a project the state may not be able to afford. At this point the Governor is not sure the state can afford to pay for the project.

Chairman Palmer identified several elected officials in attendance including Assemblywoman Stender, Union County Freeholders Daniel Sullivan and Mary Jane Kowalski, Councilman Adrian Mapp and Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr. One question was asked about the Elizabeth bus way project. Mr. Weinstein responded that NJ Transit feels the project has real potential and that NJ Transit has been approached by a number of private sector infrastructure investment firms to invest in that and other projects. This could be the first place New Jersey would have a real dedicated bus rapid transit system.

NJ Transit met with Mayor Bollwage of Elizabeth and he talked about the busway project. NJ Transit is optimistic that the two studies currently underway once completed may lead to a real project being advanced.

Another meeting attendee asked why the cost overruns could not be a shared responsibility among the three parties funding the ARC Project. Mr. Weinstein stated that FTA agreed to \$3 billion dollars not a penny more and PANYNJ said the same thing and New Jersey agreed to a third. Another question was what is the cost of Portal Bridge project north and south cost? Mr. Weinstein stated the cost of the north project is about \$1.2 billion. Mr. Weinstein then responded to a question dealing with permitting over night parking at more transit parking facilities. Mr. Weinstein stated that the implementation of additional over night parking at selected facilities has been raised and will be included in NJ Transit new public-private partnership efforts to increase revenue from their existing parking facilities. Mr. Weinstein noted if there is a commercial opportunity available for NJ Transit to take advantage NJ Transit will work to maximize that opportunity to increase the revenue generated by the parking facilities. By offering additional opportunities to park and take public transit to airports this will reduce the number of persons who drive to the airport.

Another audience member asked Mr. Weinstein if the Governor views the ARC Project as a necessity or as a luxury? Mr. Weinstein stated the Governor believes solving the Trans Hudson congestion problem is a necessity. He believes the current ARC Project as structured has some serious issues both the financial side and the functional side. Another question asked what specifically will be done to address the trans-Hudson congestion problem and what will be done to improve the commute of Raritan Valley line commuters. Mr. Weinstein stated the dual powered locomotives need to be put into service. Mr. Weinstein NJ Transit will need to get the kinks out of the new locomotives and will probably not want to be used into the tunnels in case if they fail. There are some additional steps that can be taken to reduce trans-Hudson congestion including constructing a new Portal Bridge, fixing the Hunter connection, the county bus way project improvements in signaling on the Manhattan side with the expansion of the Moynihan station you may be able to generate 2-4 additional slots which is what most people think you will be able to get out of the Moynihan Station project. If the ARC project does not go forward then NJ Transit would look at

these other items to improve capacity into Penn Station New York.

Mr. Weinstein also has talked about another tunnel. Amtrak recently announced its high speed rail plan for the northeast which is going to require a new tunnel. NJ Transit and Amtrak may work jointly to explore any opportunities that may be present. Mr. Weinstein stated NJ Transit will look for ways to reduce the Trans Hudson congestion problem. Freeholder Kowalski thanked Mr. Weinstein for being present at the meeting and that Union County has gone on record for being in favor of the project. She stated that Union County feels it is very important to do anything to move this project forward. Union County really sees the importance of this project. Union County has heard from many rail commuters that this will dramatically improve their service. Freeholder Kowalski stated that it is hard for Raritan Valley passengers not to feel like second class rail citizens.

Because of existing rail infrastructure problems and dual utilization of the Raritan valley line by freight and passenger services causes many of the delays on the line. Union County stated that they want to work with NJ Transit and that the pressure is on all elected officials to work with all groups that get the ARC Project funded.

Mr. Weinstein responding to the issue with freight sharing the rail line that NJ Transit has submitted an application for a third tracks on the Lehigh line which is project designed specifically to alleviate that specific situation. NJ Transit has submitted a tiger II grant to USDOT to construct a third Track on the Lehigh line. Another audience member stated the NJTPA approved the existing ARC plan to move forward with the tunnel. The project was approved in a bipartisan effort with everyone agreeing the project was needed. Everyone is concerned about the costs but this speaker feels very deeply that if this project does not happen now then the project will probably never happen. The speaker felt that New Jersey would never be in a better position than today whether five or ten years down the road to fund the project. He noted that we cannot say will be in a better financial position in five or ten years. He felt that if the project is not constructed now then it will never be constructed and many rail riders will be left to suffer through increasing service delays.

Another audience member noted the need for constructing large public works projects like those built in the 1920's and 30's during the Great Depression. He noted that many of the regions key pieces of infrastructure were built during the country's worst recession in its history. He noted all of the large projects were transportation projects. He hoped that State Transportation Commissioner Simpson along with Secretary of Transportation LeHood can work to find a way to finance the tunnel project cost overruns. Collen Mahr the Mayor of Fanwood stated the ARC Tunnel means one seat ride for her residents reducing commuting time by half an hour and increasing property values. Mayor Mahr noted she utilized the train and talked to commuters this morning and they want the tunnel constructed. They want New Jersey leaders to renegotiate the deal



The project is the largest infrastructure project in the United States during most of our lifetimes. A project of this scale should not be dismissed within the next five days. She urged the state to keep the project alive and viable after Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Another speaker asked about current capacity of the line because of the conflicts with existing freight usage along the line. The conflict with freight could be partially solved by triple tracking the Lehigh line. It should be noted that the old Central Jersey railroad right of way between Cranford and Elizabeth was four tracks. The concern is that you need to preserve right of way for additional passenger service to Elizabeth because City of Elizabeth has plans to revitalize the entire station area. The audience member stressed the need to look in terms of future capacity. The four track wide right of way between Cranford and Elizabeth should be preserved for both rail and bus service in the future.

Another audience member commented that none of the politicians that spoke noted that they would be able to pay for any cost overruns. His concern that the politicians are for constructing projects but will not state that the tax payers will have to pay for these projects. The audience member accused elected officials of grand standing but not willing to say how they plan to pay for any cost over runs. The audience member asked if the one seat ride trains will go through the new or old tunnels. Staff noted that some one seat ride trains will go through the old and some the new tunnels. The audience member asked if the project was designed as project requesting the payment of the prevailing wage to contractors. Because the project is utilizing some federal funding, the project must pay the prevailing wage to all laborers. Another audience member asked about whether the existing financing for the tunnel capped the project cost at \$8.7 billion. Mr. Weinstein stated the original financing included \$7.2 billion to pay for the project including \$1.5 billion on contingency funding. Mr. Weinstein stated that Governor needs to make sure the entire project cost is covered and not leaving New Jersey vulnerable to having to pay an unknown amount in cost overruns.

Mr. Weinstein noted that one of the biggest constraints to connecting to Penn Station New York is that station itself. The station was not built for commuter traffic with very narrow platforms. There is a challenge out their related to specific designs. The cost of different scenarios is problematic. Another audience member asked if any unit of state government has undertaken a cost estimate of relieving trans-Hudson congestion utilizing alternatives to the ARC Project. Mr. Weinstein stated he did not know the answer to that question. Mr. James Weinstein noted that a public private partnership could be formed to help finance part of the ARC Project.

All projects currently under study continue to be studied during the ARC funding crisis including West Trenton, Lackawanna Cut Off, Monmouth Ocean Middlesex all those studies continue to be studied by staff while some of the projects require support from the local communities. The other reality is there is no pot of gold. Many of the projects probably do not meet the new starts standards for federal funding. Vice-Chairman Tom Jardim thanked NJ Transit Executive Director for

speaking with the group and he hopes that he takes back with him and delivers the message there is a difference between spending tax dollars and spending tax dollars wisely. This rail coalition believes the ARC Tunnel project is a wise investment of tax dollars for the future. The meeting was adjourned

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS ARTICLES (SEE PACKAGE)

NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – MONDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 6TH  
AT 5:00 P.M. 2ND FLOOR ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM,  
SOMERSET COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

NEXT COALITION MEETING – MONDAY DECEMBER 20TH AT 8:30 A.M. IN  
THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS TOWN OF WESTFIELD MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING

**MEETING SUMMARY FROM THE NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
RARITAN VALLEY RAIL COALITION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Approval of October 18th Coalition Meeting Summary**

Chairman Palmer welcomed the trustees to the last meeting in 2010. Several trustee members asked if staff would provide F&S a list of persons planning on attending the meeting so they do not have to fill out a form when they park in the Bernie Field Parking Deck. Staff contacted F&S and they noted that all persons entering and leaving the Bernie Field Parking deck must fill out a parking form

Chairman Palmer noted with the cancellation of the ARC Project that the rail coalition needs to refocus its efforts to implementing smaller high priority capacity type improvements that will benefit Raritan Valley line passengers. Mr. Robins presented a list of seven items that could guide improved operations and capital investments related to Raritan Valley line service and stations. The Board of Trustees reviewed the list of seven items and Chairman Palmer noted that he strongly agrees with number 5 a focus to triple track the Lehigh Valley line and to construct a flyover to allow Raritan Valley trains to cross over the existing lines so they can utilize the same platform transfer at Newark Penn Station. Both the triple tracking and Hunter Connection improvements will benefit service on the entire Raritan Valley line. As freight usage continues to increase on the Lehigh Valley line, delays caused by passenger trains being held while freight trains pass will continue to grow and get worse without a third track being constructed. Chairman Palmer suggested the coalition should push for improvement projects that will benefit the entire Raritan valley line.

Several Trustees noted during their discussions concerns over the recent press a proposed extension of the number 7 subway to New Jersey might have on rail customers. The current proposed extension of the number 7 subway line to Hoboken and Secausus would require Raritan Valley passengers to have a two-three seat ride in order to travel to Penn Station New York. In addition, the current proposal does not take into consideration the need for a possible four track configuration for the subway underground in Manhattan. The current subway has only two tracks available in Manhattan and would need to construct a new subway station in Hoboken or Weehawken. The Number 7 subway currently has good connections to Penn and Grand Central Stations.

Several trustees stated that they did not see the benefit of the subway extension to improving transit service in central and northwestern New Jersey because of a possible two-three seat ride into Manhattan. The consensus was that any proposed improvements should be at a price that is affordable and should be time sensitive to make a persons trip as short as possible. The down side of the proposed subway extension is Raritan Valley passengers would have to make at least one transfer to reach Secausus Junction station to pick up the subway

extension. Some trustees felt the project is too problematic and would be very expensive with possible additional tracks needed to be constructed in Manhattan.

Other trustees stated the project will need support from all levels of government in the state of New York including the MTA and PANYNJ all of which are undergoing fiscal stress trying to operate their current systems with reduced funding levels. Either New York state or New York City will have to issue and pay bonds and are experiencing capital stress including major cost overruns from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue subway and the Long island Railroad east side access. The project would need to undergo an EIS and would take at least 10-15 years to receive the necessary environmental approvals and to secure federal, state and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey funding commitments.

The trustees discussed the need for a statewide New Jersey coalition to develop a NJ plan that improves service on all rail lines. There are many proposed individual improvement plans, but there is a greater need for an overarching coordinated New Jersey rail passenger improvement plan. The Raritan Valley line will benefit the most from triple tracking the Lehigh Valley line and a flyover for the Hunters Connection. A proposed flyover for the Hunter Connection is needed so Raritan Valley trains can utilize the same platform transfer to the fullest extent possible. The Hunter connection flyover is necessary since it will shorten the commute time will take and helps with increasing speeds at which trains can operate in this segment.

The cancellation of the ARC Project has hurt the future expansion plans of the rail service in northwestern and central New Jersey. So much so that some type of compensation could be argued should be asked from NJ Transit. One possible answer is to address NJ Transit and ask for the dual powered locomotives to operate on the line during off-peak and weekends and offer some one seat ride service to Raritan Valley line commuters. The Raritan Valley line is one of the few lines that could take advantage of the dual powered locomotives operating through Newark Penn Station on the Newark Division. Some other corridors that may be able to take advantage of the dual powered locomotives include the western end of the M&E, the Boonton Line, and the New Jersey Coastline. The utilization of the dual powered locomotives also could aid in the increased utilization of the same platform transfer for Raritan Valley line passengers. Other possible compensation might include pushing for the triple tracking of the Lehigh Line and the improvements to the Hunter Connection.

The Board agreed that goals for the coalition should be listed in short, medium and long term time frames including the triple tracking the Lehigh Line, improvements to Hunters Crossing and consistent utilization of the same platform transfer for Raritan valley morning peak period trains.

One of the Coalitions goals could be to fully integrate the operation of dual powered locomotives into off-peak and weekend service. The trustees felt by

combining number 4, 5 and 6 and requesting a commitment from NJ Transit to advance those items would be a significant step forward to improving service long term on the Raritan Valley line. Those items include securing the deployment of dual powered locomotives on the Raritan Valley line for all weekend service and as much weekday service off peak as is determined to be operationally feasible.

In addition the rail coalition should be advocating for triple tracking of the Lehigh valley line between Cranford and Newark. Currently 50 year old agreements with freight railroads limit NJ Transit trains to one train in each direction each hour on these two tracks during off peak hours including weekends. Construction of a third track in this segment would permit reducing the intervals between off peak trains to one half hour.

Another set of projects are those that revive transit usage of the central railroad right of way from Cranford to midtown Elizabeth. A previous study looked at restarting rail service in this abandoned corridor using DMU trains and the extension of that service to Raritan Borough. This service would service Raritan Valley communities from Cranford to Raritan. With service that could as frequent as every 20 minutes and would provide connections both to the west and to the east. Including within walking distance of the Union County seat in Elizabeth. This service would also provide Raritan Valley communities frequent access to the Northeast Corridor where passengers could transfer to and from trains to Manhattan and Newark Liberty International Airport as well as trains to points west and south. This new transfer opportunity would be most useful during the off-peak when much less service is available and especially if the triple track project were not implemented. By offering better connections to Newark Liberty Airport this would be a big reason for persons in north western jersey to support this improvement.

NJ Transit currently does not have a comprehensive coordinated plan to expand service in northwestern or central New Jersey. A coordinated plan to expand service is necessary. There is a need for an overall strategy to expand service in different parts of western and central jersey spread out over a short, medium and long term time frame. Trustees still feel that expansion of rail service across northwestern and central New Jersey is necessary to reduce traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and maintain the high quality of life of residents in the central and northwestern portion of the state.

The trustees encourage the development of short, medium and long term goals to improve service on the line including consistent usage of same platform transfer, deployment of dual powered locomotives, triple tracking the Lehigh line and improvements of Hunters Crossing. The implementation of a diesel multiple unit service between Raritan and Elizabeth could be a viable alternative to triple tracking the Lehigh Line which may be too expensive.

The trustees stated that Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey should be working on a plan to build support for dual powered locomotives, triple tracking the Lehigh line. The trustees felt that Congressman Leonard Lance and State Senator Kean should be invited to a future coalition meeting to address the future of transit in central and northwestern New Jersey important issue.

The trustees suggested using the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to begin to build consensus through discussion of the possible opportunities to expand and improve service on the line into the future. The discussion should include all counties

The trustees discussed the need to fill two vacant positions including one from Middlesex County and one from Hunterdon County.

#### **Update: Treasurer's Report**

Coalition staff reported the coalition's finances were in good condition and that it had received its annual New Jersey registration for charities and 501 c3 non profits.

#### **Project Updates:**

On May 1 2010 a fare increase was implemented. Rail fares rose about 25% and the discount off peak round trip fare was discontinued. The average rail fare increase was 29.1%. The rail fare increase anticipated a rider ship diversion of 6.2%. Through June 2010 rail rider ship diversion has been only 2.1%. Average weekday rail passenger trips totaled 270,000 up 1.5% from last year. Average weekend rider ship passenger trips totaled 166,700 2.9% higher than last year and the second highest 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in history. Commuter rider ship declines moderated substantially with 40 of the 152 stations or 26% experiencing increases in monthly pass sales sold during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Among transit terminals New York Penn Station had the strongest growth increasing rider ship by 2.4% in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter above last year. Newark Penn Station experienced a growth of .07% in rider ship. Weekend rail rider ship was up 2.9% over last year. Rider ship at stations located nearer NYC had stronger rider ship growth with rider ship growing worse the further out the station is from New York Penn Station.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rider ship at stations within 20 miles of New York Penn Station increased 4.7% at stations located 20-30 miles away rider ship grew 2.1% higher and stations located over 30 miles away from NYC rider ship was down -0.1%. Rail rider ship continues to grow at recent investments and improved stations as the new stations continue to attract riders. Union Station rider ship grew 1.8% during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

### **NJ Transit is Disputing the \$271 Million Tunnel Bill**

NJ Transit is reviewing the FTA request for payment of \$271 million dollars in federal funding for the cancelled ARC Project. NJT may disagree with some of the items that the FTA wants repaid. A letter dated November 7<sup>th</sup> stated that NJT must immediately repay financial assistance extended in an early systems work agreement. An additional \$78 million federal dollars that was obligated for the project was not spent. The FTA will conduct an audit of the project and expects to determine how much was spent. The FTA expects immediate repayment once the audit is completed.

Senator Lautenberg is launching an investigation into the cancellation of the ARC Project. The probe will look for potential conflicts of interest.

### **New York City Talking About Extending the #7 Subway Line Across the Hudson to Secaucus Junction via a tunnel**

The Bloomberg Administration in a four-page memo has discussed the concept. The preliminary cost is about \$5-6 billion about half the cost of ARC Tunnel. Cost would be less since NYC is already digging a tunnel to run the subway from Times Square to 34<sup>th</sup> street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Extending the subway line under the Hudson River from NYC west side through Hoboken to Secaucus would save money. This could address many of the regional transportation issues. New Jersey passengers one day might be able to ride the train and transfer at Secaucus Junction to the subway. The total project cost is \$5.3 billion considerably less than \$9.78 billion for the ARC Project. The existing subway line already extends to the east side including Grand central Station. Issues include the under capacity of the Grand Central subway station, the need to find financing and the lack of control over a project run by the MTA are potential concerns. The Governor of NJ is open to hearing solutions to the traffic congestion at Trans Hudson transportation problem. NJ is concerned that any project is very fair regarding shared funding among all jurisdictions including the state and city of New York. Governor Christie stated that he would be considering contributing to a cheaper alternative extending the No 7 subway train under the Hudson River to Manhattan. He stated it is a much better idea than the proposed ARC Tunnel. The Governor has not spoken with Mayor Bloomberg. He noted the proposed subway extension has three things in its favor including it would be cheaper than the proposed tunnel; It would connect with Penn Station and Grand Central Station and would include funding from New York City and New York State. Christie stated he would support the project if the funding share for NJ was comparable to New York's share. The proposal would also include an \$800 million dollar subway station at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> street.

### **NJT Looking to Turnover some Parking to Private Operators**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> NJT put out an RFQ inviting private companies to declare their interest in bidding on a long term contract to operate up to 81 parking sites for 30-50 years. This could help NJT raise an additional \$100 million dollars to address the NJT budget deficit. Under the Spaces System Parking Amenity and Capacity Enhancement Strategy initiative firms would vie for the exclusive right to collect parking revenues at the 81 sites through a long term contract. Ten companies submitted RFP's and those proposals were evaluated and seven firms are qualified. NJ Transit is looking for innovative ways to improve parking for customers while addressing the growing cost of operating parking facilities and under taking cost saving measures. NJT currently operates 48,000 parking spaces statewide as many as 37,000+ could be privatized. The RFQ lists 81 parking lots and decks at bus stations train and light rail stations. Assets may be added or removed from the list during the RFQ process. The RFQ states that any bidder would have to agree to design, build, finance, operate and maintain and repair a new parking at the Princeton Junction train station. Concerns include the trading of potential very large future revenue for what appears as short term budget fix. Also parking prices could rise as a result of a private takeover. NJT stated that they believe that the SPACES program will help spur TOD which is a tremendous benefit to those communities throughout the state.

### **NJ Transit Plans to Provide More Quiet Cars**

NJT quiet cars ban cell phone use and loud devices and have been well received and that the 90 day trial period has been extended to additional rail lines including the RVL. Survey from riders and employees has been overwhelmingly in favor.

The program has been applied to the first and last cars of NEC rush hour trains during the past 90 days. Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> NJT will add quiet commute cars to all peak period peak direction trains that begin and end in Newark and NYPS. The new cars will be offered on trains that arrive in Newark and NYC between 6-10 a.m. and trains that depart Newark or NYC from 4-8 p.m. The new lines included are the M&E, RVL, Coast line. The first and last car of each train will be a quiet car.

### **NJT having Discussions with Amtrak about Joint Hudson Rail Tunnel**

Joint discussions between NJT and Amtrak have been underway discussing the possibility of developing a joint tunnel under the Hudson River. Any new tunnel would be used for high speed rail.

### **Update: Status of Dual Mode Locomotive Development/Deployment**

The diesels to be replaced are over 40 years old. The new locomotives will be



more efficient and cleaner. The contract is approved for 26 with an option to purchase 63 additional. The new locomotives are an evolution of the new ALP 46 which has been operating at NJT since 2002. New designation ALP45DP.

The final design has been completed and now building of the prototype locomotives is underway. The prototype should be ready for testing in New Jersey and Colorado in late 2011/2012 about 18-24 months from now. The operational plan will be developed closer to when the prototype is actually tested. NJT Board of Directors at their July Board meeting approved the purchase option for 10 additional dual powered locomotives. These ten are identical to the base 26 locomotives now in the design phase. Currently 37% of the NJT commuter rail system is not electrified. The option with Bombardier Transit Corporation to purchase 10 additional dual powered locomotives with spare parts.

### **Triple Tracking**

A four mile stretch of Raritan Valley line track between Cranford and Newark is only two tracks and is shared by freight and passenger rail. There is a proposal to triple track all or about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the four miles. The triple tracking project includes CSX, Conrail and Norfolk Southern all coming to the table to work jointly with NJ Transit. The Lehigh Line which would be triple tracked is owned by Conrail. NJ Transit trains operate on the Conrail track and NJ Transit does not own nor control the track. The proposal is to add a third track to the north side of the railroad. The project would add one track to the passenger side of the Raritan Valley line. Most Raritan trains stay on track 1 on the north side and do not cross over and back over again at NK. The trains stay on the north side of track into and out of Newark. A new third track would be on the north side. This new track would almost exclusively be used by passenger railroads, freeing up the south side track 2 for freight rail usage. A new platform would be constructed at Union Station to accommodate the third track. Two class one freight carriers and passenger line operate on these two tracks.

This two track segment is the bottleneck that is keeping the Raritan Valley line from increasing service capacity. NJ Transit did not receive tiger funding but a tiger II grant has been announced which NJ Transit applied for funding.

This rail capacity improvement is needed regardless of what additional rail is envisioned. Because of the uncertainty related to funding of the triple tracking project NJ Transit has begun discussing developing a BRT sustainable corridor project concept. The project concept would link Cranford/Garwood with Elizabeth. The concept would use the old CNJ line and would renovate the Elizabeth station. The sustainable BRT might include a bike trail within the right of way. Information suggests that the BRT sustainable corridor project concept has received positive feedback from some of the towns located in eastern Union County. NJ Transit is working to select a consultant with the work on the feasibility study.

### **Update: Status of Portal Bridge Project/ Funding**

NJ Transit Board has approved funding for final design and they anticipate receiving funding from the federal government. NJ Transit has \$750 million out of the \$1.3 billion to begin work on the Portal Bridge with the remaining \$550 million to come from the federal government.

The schedule for the Portal Bridge project indicates by 2010 early action items for the Bridge should be underway. By 2015 some of the tracks will be connected which will allow NJ Transit to begin operating service on the new Portal Bridge structure.

By 2017 both structures will be open and the old Bridge will be demolished. The total project cost is \$1.3 billion.

Project design and construction efforts will be accomplished jointly between NJ Transit and Amtrak. The board approved a contract for consultant services to advance the early action final design for \$16 million

NJ Transit staff note the EIS for the Portal Bridge project has been completed and NJ Transit has \$750 million dollars allocated for the project. The \$750 million dollars is enough to complete the southern bridge.

The bridge is still on schedule and NJ Transit is dealing with issues involving Amtrak. Issues include phasing of the project and whether to construct the two or three track bridge first. Amtrak operates the corridor so NJ Transit continues to work closely with Amtrak. Current funding on the Portal Bridge is NJ Transit is utilizing its own funding first. The Portal Bridge project must advance or the ARC Tunnel project will not be able to utilize its full capacity.

### **Update: Status of Same Platform Transfer Project**

NJ Transit reported the physical work for the same platform transfer is completed. The same platform transfer project is moving forward however with changes and loss of some service, some additional scheduling issues must be addressed before the same platform transfer project can be implemented. The track and signal work for this project is completed it is now a matter of moving trains and schedules.

### **Update: Status of High Level Platform Development for Somerville Train Station**

NJ Transit has almost completed phase's I-II of Somerville Station rehabilitation.

Construction of the two high level platforms will be completed very soon along with the tunnel work. The new pedestrian tunnel should open by the end of August. Ongoing work to date includes the construction of a new head house, work on the pedestrian tunnel, construction of two new high level platforms along with canopies and lighting a new sidewalk to South Bridge Street and elevator work. The tunnel art work will be installed at the end of the project.

Phase II work began this summer with construction of the high level platform at the eastern end of the station including a new ticket agenda office and waiting room. Once the tunnel opens in August then the next milestone will be the opening of the western end of the platform. Remaining work on the final two phases includes demolition of the low level platform, construction of the high level platform and station building. A new ramp and repair to stairs on South Bridge Street. Continued work on the elevators and completing of landscaping will be included in the final phase of work. New ticket vending machines have been installed. The last phase of the project will include landscaping and putting in new sidewalks near the stairs. All of the station work should be completed by January 2011.

#### **Update: Annandale Station Parking Lot Improvements and Safe Routes to Transit Application**

An update on the Annandale Station the application to adopt the station has been accepted by NJ Transit. NJ Transit will work with the volunteers on scheduling safety training. NJ Transit is working on addressing potholes in the existing parking lot at the station. A lumber yard located adjacent to the station was recently sold and the new owner has some plans for the parcel and NJ Transit has begun some initial discussions to determine what direction the parcel may take. NJ Transit has a consultant on board to review the condition of the parking lot. The lot may benefit by installing angled parking which might provide additional parking spaces. The consultant will be looking at different scenarios to maximize the number of parking spaces.

#### **Update: Central New Jersey Raritan Valley Transit Study**

The draft final report for the Central Jersey Raritan Valley Transit Study is being reviewed internally by NJ Transit. The Central New Jersey Raritan Valley Transit Study stating the New Jersey part of the study a draft final report has been prepared and is being edited by NJ Transit staff. The draft final report will be presented to the technical advisory committee and the citizens groups during the winter. The reports executive summary should be available by the end of 2010.

#### **Garwood Train Station**

The Borough, Union County, NJTPA and NJ Transit have begun a visioning

study to help shape the future of Garwood Borough including how to leverage the station area as an asset, spurring economic development around transit infrastructure, transitioning to transit friendly land uses and infill identifying parking and circulation.

In April a two day workshops and questionnaires were filled out by persons who attended the workshops for the Garwood Visioning project. The focus of the analysis is the downtown and the train station areas. To date the feedback received by NJ Transit is most residents support some type of mixed use development including expanding station parking to support additional train service. The study should be completed by October 2010. The results from the two day workshop should be available on Garwood Borough's web site shortly

### **TTF to Refinance \$800 million in long term debt**

Governor Christie announced plans to refinance NJ Transportation \$300-400 million existing Trust Fund bonds in October 2010 to raise another \$800-900 million needed to sustain the TTF through March 2011. The TTF is expected to run out of funding for new projects by July 2011. The October refinancing would target expensive long term debt and the money raised would be used for projects in the next budget year. By March the Transportation Trust Fund Authority will know what is needed to get the fund through fiscal year that begins on July 1st 2011

In 2010 \$850 out of \$895 million will be spent to cover debt payments The Governor plans to refinance some debt at lower interest rates. The amount borrowed or refinanced will depend on the interest rates the state can get.

Since 1985 NJ has borrowed money to pay using a mix of gas taxes, truck fees and other funds. Advocates say the state needs to find a way to make transportation funding a part of the state constitution while spreading the costs to other users.

Current TTF debt is \$12 billion dollars. The Governor has stated that a renewal plan for the TTF will be announced by the end of December 2010. The need is to find a new revenue source to supply the needed funding. About 7 states have increased their motor fuel taxes to fund transportation during the past year. NJ has not increased its fuel tax since 1988. One way to win public support of increasing the states gas tax could be is link increased funding to the construction of specific projects.

One NJDOT idea may be to place all potential projects through a cost benefit analysis to build what is needed and provides the most good. Any potential new revenues would have to come with a constitutional dedication that the money will be used for transportation projects. And diverted for other purposes.

**Featured Presentation:** The featured presentation will be Mr. Ted Matthews, Director of Freight Planning North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority discussing the importance of triple tracking the Lehigh Line to alleviate congestion and delays resulting from freight and passenger service sharing the two existing railroad tracks

**Discussion item:** Refocus Coalition to Advance Rail Capacity Improvements in the Aftermath of the Cancellation of the ARC Project.

**Newspaper Articles and Correspondence**

**Next Coalition Board of Trustees Meeting:** Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.  
2nd Floor Engineering Conference Room, Somerset County Administration Building

**Next Coalition Meeting:** Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> Town of Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers 425 East Broad Street, Westfield