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Literacy Committee Meeting
Atlantic County Workforce Development Board
April 11, 2023

Attendance: Fran Kuhn ,Barbara Kozek, Jane Satterthwaite, Robert Rynkiewicz,
Nandini Singh, Sherrise Moten and Pat Constantino, Chair.

Absent: Dr. Phillip Guenther, Dr. Barbara Gaba, Donna Michelle Plemons, Paul McClellan

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Ms. Constantino at 2:30 pm. Minutes from the February 10,2023 meeting, were previously emailed for review and consideration.

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes. Bob R. requested a spelling correction and Barbara questioned the listed attachments. Motion to accept with corrections by Barbara K. and second by Jane S., no objections, the motion passes. The above listed corrections were made in the minutes.

Mr. Kuhn reported that the HI-Set testing system will no longer be used here at the One Stop Career Center as per the state of New Jersey. Moving forward the center will use the GED system and the Pearson Vue requirements. Barbara and Pat are very concerned about the GED test being significantly more difficult for customers. He stated that we will have to undergo new layout changes, that will include video monitoring. A request will have to be made with Pearson Vue and the cost will be 30% more per test. Pat C. commended Mr. Kuhn on his responsiveness to the issues surrounding Hi-Set .

Partners report

Learning Link: Jane S. discussed how important the vouchers are for the customers in this community. The vouchers cover the cost for testing at the Career Center, the value is \$20.75 per test. Customers don't want to put the money for the test and take off of work for testing 'it's too difficult". Jane's report included HI-SET,CASA and the Learning Link information from November to March. CASA reporting numbers were TANF 7 with 10 no show which reflects the voluntary mandatory environment of the program. SNAP 18 with 9 no show and GA 5 with 5 no show for the month of March. See attached report for more details.

Atlantic Cape : Barbara K. reported the customers received 17 guest services credentials, with 62 references, 52 enrolled and 1 customers participated in the Atlantic Electric program successfully.

The Title II program:

LOS	264
YTD	305
HSE	11
7	Need 1 or 2 sections
Credential	17

The Supplemental Program:

Referrals	62
Enrolled	50
WLL	1
Training	2
AC Works	1
TANF	8
SNAP	11
Youth	2
Pathstone	3

Pat C. wanted to know about wrapping up with Hi-Set testing. It will end on May31st. Jane S. is concerned about the increased percentages with using this type of test.

Atlantic City Public Library: Bob R. reported “ The Best Program” finished at the end of March. Still waiting to find out if the program will continue from the state. This will be the second round of funding for this program. AC Library is working with Atlantic Cape for Surf Safe certifications, adding SS Management, TIPS for alcohol handling, added more ESL classes. They are functioning as if they are going to receive the grant. “The Internet for All” a 6-million-dollar grant, on Monday April 17th will have a workshop 8:30am – 4:30pm. DCA is interested in filing a grant for digital literacy. Contact Bob R. for specifics. Mr. Kuhn mentioned the apprenticeship opportunity has been attractive to Atlantic County and Atlantic Electric.

Bob included on Saturday April 22nd; Stockton is hosting a community clean up event. Following the event a party will be at O’Donnell Park, in Atlantic City’s Inlet. There the library will reveal the “Little Libraries” program from Minnesota.

The AC library will be partnering with Stockton, Ducktown Association, CRDA, the Jazz Institute, and Chicken Bone Beach to place mini libraries throughout the city in public parks. The library will maintain and stock.

Old Business: **NONE**

New Business:

Barbara K. reported the agreement between ACWDB and Atlantic Cape at the Family Success Center with the focus on TANF and GA and SNAP population is working successfully. They have 20 students in program. The program began last week with 8 ESL and 5 GED. She also included not receiving the Title II allocation to date. Atlantic Cape was able to purchase 80 laptops. They are using Burlington English to be used on the cell phones. She noticed a 35% increase in participation on the phones. She also reported an update with AC Works program, funded by CRDA. This funding will include gaming and a culinary program.

Cape May Tech confirmed their program will be switching over to GED but will not make the May deadline due to construction issues.

Mr. Kuhn added information on the summer program and agreed to forward the flyer to Bob R.

Chair Pat C. requested a motion to adjourn, motion by Jane S. and second by Barbara K.

The meeting ended at 3:40pm.

The next meeting will be July 11th at 2:30pm.