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Literacy Committee

November 14, 2023

Attendance: Fran Kuhn, Sherrise A. Moten, Jane Satterthwaite, Natalie Cohen, Donna Plemons, Elaine Hawkes, Barba Kozek ACCC, Bob Rynkiewicz, Director of AC Free Public Library, Nandini Singh owner of Kumon

Absent: Minnett Santiago, Gina DeMaio

Mr. Kuhn began meeting with introductions and review of the July 11th minutes, motion by Ms. Singh, second Kozek, the motion passes. He also thank Ms. Singh for stepping in as Chair after Pat Constantino retired and resign her seat from Pathstone.

Mr. Kuhn discussed GED challenges at the Learning Link. ACWDB is an approved testing site approved by Pearson Vue.

Ms. Plemmons discussed small groups of testing. She stated the check-in is very lengthy, overall it takes about 15 minutes. The process includes presenting a state identification, with a matching signature. No objects allowed in the testing area. Self-pat down each time you leave the testing room. This process adds to the testing time.

October 3 GED tests were administered all were self-pay and 1 out 3 passed.

November 22 GED tests 12 Youth Corp 2 Learning Link 2 Atlantic Cape

Bob Rynkiewicz's (AC Public Library) report included the following : Information on the Microsoft Word classes at the AC Public Library . He confirmed that the NJ Department of Labor is concerned about duplication of testing. He continued on with the States's version of double dipping in the process (repeat customers) . Some of the clients/customers come to the library more than once for the same services . He stated the treatment of the clientele should not be as if they were title II clients. Ms. Kozek agreed. We are chasing people away with requiring a two-hour test. The customers are older that are in need of digital literacy classes. Pending grant opportunities coming in the fall and he will continue working on a compromise with the State . He concluded that most services are online i.e. job limitation, social security application, tax filling, and retiring.

Barbara Kozek's (Atlantic Cape Community College)report Title 2 Atlantic Cape College

LOS : 312

Enrolled 257 82 %



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4 students obtained 2 gaming certificates, roulette and carnival (8 certs)

Atlantic/ cape may Consortium

LOS : 455 Enrolled 317 70%

Spring 2024 semester registration in progress. 66 students on waiting list

GED vouchers are still pending. ACCC is willing to sell the extra vouchers to ACWDB.

Ocean Side Literacy Project

No ESL classes , current pending students did not meet program requirements.

GED class, 5 students enrolled , 4 TANF and SNAP

Supplemental Grant

38 referrals , 13 enrolled and active

7 closed out , 1 training, 4 people with 90 plus days no attendance, 2 non-compliance 1 medical

1 OSY (out of school youth), 1 GA, 1 SNAP, 4 TANF, 6 WIAO, 5 employed, 8 unemployed

Youth Corp received the Urban Gateway Grant : Mr. Kuhn reported on the beautification project for the youth with multiple locations around Atlantic County (Delilah Road and New Road) . Their GED testing results are as follows: 3 students : 2 failed 1 passes 1 pending (at time of meeting).

<i>Leaning Link</i>	July	August	September	October	Total
Total Referrals	4	3	9	14	30
Enrollment	9	3	5	11	28

Further discussion ensued on special accommodations and referring request to IDEAL, due to scheduling, possibly reading to the customers that cannot read and alternate space at the One Stop Center.

Mr. Kuhn requested a motion to adjourn motion by B. Kosek second by N. Singh, motion passes meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Submitted by
 Sherrise A. Moten
 Contract Administrator/ Board Liaison

Next Meeting
February 6th 2024