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Literacy Committee Meeting August 13, 2019 One Stop Career Center

Attendance

Dan Adams	Pat Constantino	Lisa Martinez	Marian Woodson
Rhonda Lowery	Natalie Cohen	Ken Olivenbaum	Regina Pryor

This meeting was called order at 2:33pm by the committee Chair Pat Constantino. A motion was given by Ken Olivenbaum to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by the committee.

Partner Updates

Dan Adams-The Math GOALS series of the CASAS test has proven to be more difficult for the adult population of examinees. After a discussion with Rhoda Lowery it was discussed that the Life Skills version would be more appropriate. After discussions with Barbara Kozek, and to maintain compliance with WIOA we will maintain Math GOALS series as the exam at the One Stop for all examinees. Natalie Cohen added that the math scores are more important and should align with WIOA. Lowery cites that it is WIOA pliable; some youth lack the skills for the math therefor the HSE is the best pathway for them. Pat Constantino inquired about customer case management with Lowery responding that the determination will be made with guidelines so that case management is not making the total decision. Constantino also added that some age groups can determine or deter i.e. 18yrs- 21yr. As per the committee Chair this will be tabled until a later time.

Ken Olivenbaum- TASC as of June 2019

- 15 sessions
- 45 examinees
- 18 all 5 sections
- 5 initial test
- 0 retakes
- 5 passed

TASC as of July 2019

- 11 sessions
- 23 examinees
- 6 all 5 sections
- 5 initial test
- 1 retake
- 6 passed

Lowery requested the stats for the HiSET testing to be reported on; Adams responded that all students would have to register online and we are required to have an approved accounting via voucher system. Lowery added that we should have the HiSET testing because transportation to the Vineland site is an issue. Constantino adding that payment online is better for her agency in order to discontinue issuing checks to customers that sometimes use the money on personal things rather than the test. Dan will inquire with the fiscal manager.

Natalie Cohen ACCC Title II

Any student covered under Title 2, and if I am not mistaken, also the WLL, must have a valid, state approved assessment. CASAS Life and Work Skills Math is not a valid assessment for ABE students after June 30, 2019. It is only approved for higher level ESL students.

Natalie is not able to enroll a student in any of her classes with a Life and Work math score. She asked the Committee to refer to the State of NJ Assessment Policy pages 4 and 5 of which she provided. The Blackjack class is doing amazing and is receiving a Guest Services Certification and most all of the students are getting employed. The ESL registration is 11/1/2019 with a total of 80 slots (40am-40pm)

Lisa Martinez

RO's are picking up; the State will no longer issue any LOOPS letters, anyone needing this information must go online to register in order to retrieve this information.

One Stop Operator Marian Woodson

Youth Works

Atlantic County Special Services- LOS 38 Enrolled 0

AC Boys & Girls Club- LOS 30 Enrolled 0

Ideal- LOS 80 Enrolled 11

Stockton- LOS 50 Enrolled 2

Youth Corp

Enrolled 13

Adjourned 3:32pm

