

Cumberland/Salem WIB Adult Education & Literacy Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2010

A meeting of the Cumberland and Salem Adult Education & Literacy Committee was held on July 20, 2010. The meeting was held at the Cumberland County One Stop Career Center in Vineland, New Jersey.

Attendance:

Anthony Chiesa, DOL/Cumberland One Stop
Jean Kuhl, QCRRS, Inc.
Jennifer Bates, SCVTS
Nadja Zattoni, Vineland Adult Education
Kenneth Thomas, NJDOL/Salem One Stop
Kevin Foley, Salem Community College
Linda DeJohn, DVRS
Louis Marino, Center of Human Services
Oscar Gomez, PathStone
Steve Price, Millville School District
Loren Thomas, SCVTS
Dante Rieti, Cumberland County Dept. of Workforce Development
Pat Constantino, PathStone
David Stump, Cumberland County College
Christy DiLeonardo, C/S WIB
Shelley Spina, C/S WIB

Handouts:

Vineland One Stop June Activity Report
May WLL-001 Workforce Learning Link Monthly Summary Report
June WLL-001 Workforce Learning Link Monthly Summary Report
Vineland Adult Education Report

Opening:

Jean Kuhl called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Introductions were made around the room.

Minutes:

Jean asked for a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Motion was made by Anthony Chiesa and seconded by Steve Price. All approved and the minutes were approved.

WIB Updates: Christy DiLeonardo

Christy reported that funding for this year has been drastically reduced especially for the Learning Links. Some contracts were not able to be funded. Cumberland County One Stop's Learning Link will be funded again this year. Salem's Learning Link is closed but they are working on getting funds to reopen it on a part time basis. The contracts that were cancelled were not due to their performance but do to the budget cuts. Loren Thomas from the Salem County Vocational Schools has agreed to become the lead agency of the

Consortium for the Title II Grants. Cumberland County College has become a new partner in the consortium. The National Institute for Literacy is closing due to lack of funding on September 30th.

Dante spoke about the funding cuts. Cumberland County Library will no longer be funded by us. The Adult Education Center is closed and will have no day programs. These cuts are not due to their performance.

Title II PY Consortium Partner Close Out Reports 2009-10

Vineland: Nadja Zattoni

Nadja reported that in their ABE, ESL and ESL Civics that they achieved 98 % of their goal, Bridgeton achieved 89.1% of their goal, the Center For Human Services achieved 264.8% of their goal, Millville achieved 164% of their goal, Salem Community College achieved 168.6% of their goal, and Salem Vocational Technical School achieved 99.2 percent of their goal. This information will be sent to the Commissioner and elected officials.

SCVTS: Jennifer Bates

Their GED class finished in June. The numbers were very good. They had a number of high school dropouts enrolled.

Salem Community College: Kevin Foley

Their GED Program went from a School Year Program to a Continuous Program. They had a good year. They have 10 clients in the program right now. Performance numbers are good. The ESL program is not seeing as many clients there.

Bridgeton: Mike Coyne – Absent – No report

Millville: Steve Price

Their GED program wrapped up in May for the spring and they will have no summer program. Their numbers were good. They had the second largest class. He is no longer in charge of this program. They are no longer offering daytime classes and there will be no more classes at the Library. The Principal of the Adult School will now be in charge. You can email Steve for the Principal's contact information. GED classes will be offered at the high school. This is the first time in 5 years that they haven't had a daytime program. They will only have evening classes.

Center for Human Services: Louis Marino

They went over their goal this year. They will continue to offer the same services in the day and night programs. The Family Care programs have been cut so they can no longer offer health care services.

Workforce Learning Link Close Out Reports PY 2009-10

Vineland Adult Education Center: Nadja Zattoni

Their Learning Link has been closed. They are still working on the final figures. They will email them when they are complete. She is going to be in charge of Title II funding. They will be based at Oak & Main in the mornings and the Cunningham School in the afternoon. ABE, ESL and Civic programs will continue in the evening at Cunningham. They will continue to provide GED testing at Oak & Main as well as Spanish GED.

Cumberland County One Stop: Anthony Chiesa

He does not have the final numbers as of yet. They continue to achieve their goals.

Dante wanted information on the 18 clients that were active at the Adult Education Center so they can see where they went.

Salem County One Stop: Ken Thomas

Due to funding cuts they closed their Learning Link classes temporarily. Cheryl Miller no longer works at the One Stop and starting Monday Mark Dykoff will be taking her place. They hope to be able to open the Learning Link Lab on a part time basis.

Kevin stated that he has put together a proposal for Dr. Contini. They have designed a part time program for the Learning Link. It is for 20 hours a week. Funding will still be short but they are looking for additional funding. He has not heard anything as of today. They are looking at August 1st as a target date to open.

Salem County Vocational Technical Schools: Jennifer Bates

GED testing will remain intact as is for the next school year. Thirty two inmates earned their GED at the Correctional Facility. They had 97 total pass their GED.

Title II Lead Agency –PY 2010-11: Loren Thomas

SCVTS has taken over as lead agency for the Title II grant for the next school year. He thanked Jennifer and Shay for putting the Title II grant together so quickly. Jennifer will be sending out the consortium partners agreements. They need the contact information and services from the partners. Shelley will get that template from Joe Camardo. They will be having Lasis training in September. This is very important for the person who will be entering the data.

Jen stated that the over all numbers have not changed and thanked Joe Camardo and Dave Moltane for all of their help.

Dante thanked the SCVTS for stepping up and taking over as Lead Agency.

Cumberland County College: David Stump

They are preparing to take over the 100 clients that they agreed to. They are hiring additional staff and will be ready in September. They will conduct there classes in the daytime. It will be an ABE class.

Other Provider Reports

Quality Care Resources & Services: Jean Kuhl

Jean is still doing workshops at the One Stops. She is doing Managing Your Money workshops and also doing FAST program in Salem. She did a trading book session and had a writer there and a rap group. She has been very busy. She also went to Phoenix for 6 days to attend a conference. She brought back some very good materials and books.

Old/New Business

Christy reported that Loren Thomas has agreed to Chair this committee starting in October. She thanked him for filling this position. Jean Kuhl will stay on as Co-Chair.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Jean asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Kevin Foley and the meeting was adjourned.