

Adult Education & Literacy  
MS Meeting  
January 25, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Adult Education & Literacy was held Tuesday, January 25, 2022, via MS Teams. Those in attendance were:

**Attendance:** Anette Vargas, Maria Avella, Sherwood Taylor, Patricia Gilmore, Elizabeth Reed, Laura Pistoia, Ron Burkhardt, Sonya Saul, Minette Santiago, Michael Goonan, Tom Halligan, Susan Jurusz, Jody Classen, Pam Comerford

**Staff:**

Allison Spinelli, Cindy Angelo

**I. Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Maria Avella chaired the meeting in Jenn Bates' absence and opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 9:04 am. Maria requested a motion to approve the October 2021 minutes. Motion made by Patti Gilmore, Second by Sonya Saul. All in favor, motion approved.

**II. Title II Lead Agency Report**

Maria provided the current consortium level of service and post-test rate. Above the state average in all result.

**III. Cumberland/Salem Title II Consortium Partner Report**

**a. Salem County Vocational Technical Schools**

Maria provided an update of service in each of the SCVTS locations. All sites are operating in person. New programming available.

Salem County Correctional: 22 enrolled

Cumberland County Correctional no longer a partner. Revive SJ has been added as a partner.

ESL program has 12 enrolled; partnering with a company in Pedricktown.

**b. Millville Public Library**

Sonya reported 27 enrollments; COVID is affecting post-testing. Am virtual and PM in person. 11 new students started in January, working on data entry. Sonya shared new scheduled. 5 students received diplomas since September. Computer class added for AM and evening classes.

**c. Rowan College of South Jersey**

Patti reported a level of service of 89 students; starting a new cohort next week -ABE and ESL student. Classes are held in person with a minor shift to virtual due to COVID. Classes at Forrest Grove Family

Success Center. Post-testing in in progress. HiSet testing is ongoing on campus and at the Arts and Innovation Center. Partnership with Inspira and also having students participate in Displaced Homemakers grant workshop. A success story was also shared.

- **Revive SJ**

Maria provided an update for the new partner agency. 25 enrolled of 27 slots with 13 waiting to enroll. Post test rate is 64% and EFL rate is 56%.

Maria also report that the consortium is looking to pilot Burlington English with the ESL programs possibly in February. Reach out to SCVTS if planning to purchase more.

#### **IV. Cape May Title II Consortium Partner Reports**

##### **a. Atlantic Cape Community College**

Sherwood Taylor reported the consortium has a level of service of 442 – 71% achieved 334 enrolled. 48 of 66 received credential 76%; measurable skills gain 52.34%. Rio Grande One Stop is not yet opened.

##### **b. Cape May Tech**

Susan Jurusz reported 77 reportable students (LOS 115). In-person instruction at Cape May Tech for the last two years (previously held at One Stop). Transitioned to HiSet Testing (thanked Annette for her assistance). ~~reported ESL instructor Bob is coming back in person on T and W nights. Adding two more nights for ABEHSC prep class. Hoping to see increase in numbers. Added second night for Surg Safe Manager class. IET for guest services started last week on Wednesday in attending virtual ESL class. Plenty of seats left in practical nursing. Created a T's prep class that has been successful. Not in corrections at this time, hopefully soon. 123 enrolled with more to still go in. Current post test rate is 30%.~~

#### **V. Workforce Learning Link Reports**

Allison reported a level of service goal 79 students, enrolled 40 (51%). 10 students entered employment, 2 students entered training and 2 received HSE (37% toward 60% target). Educational gain goals were at 32% with 12 gains, target is 30%.

Cape May site has no enrollments because the One Stop is not yet opened.

#### **VI. Old/New Business**

There were no other reports.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Maria requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Patti Gilmore. Second by Cindy Angelo. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.