

Adult Education & Literacy
MS Meeting
April 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Adult Education & Literacy was held Tuesday, April 26, 2022, via MS Teams. Those in attendance were:

Attendance: Patricia Gilmore, Elizabeth Satterfield, Maria Avella, Pat Constantino, Jenn Bates, Elizabeth Reed, Katie Czajkowski, Rosemma Ward, Barbara Kozek, Michael Goonan, Pam Comerford, Sonya Saul,

Staff:

Allison Spinelli, Cindy Angelo

I. Welcome/Opening Remarks

Dr. Jennifer Bates opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. The meeting began at 9:04 am. Jenn requested a motion to approve the January 2022 minutes. Motion made by Maria Avella, Second by Rosemma Ward. All in favor, motion approved.

II. Title II Lead Agency Report

Current agreement was passed. For 2021-2022 there is 375 current students with 87% Level of Service. Cape May is still with Atlantic County – Maria to give more details later

New NGO for the first year will have a renewal application in the future, keep a lookout for an email from Jennifer or Maria as turnaround will be quick

2022-2023 fiscal year PathStone will be leaving our consortium but will continue with their services, more details to follow

State of NJ moved away from McGraw-Hill and moved to HiSet. Salem County is now offering HiSet testing to all their students. This is a huge change as Salem was able to offer testing at no or limited costs. Now they will have to charge the students. With the new HiSet system, students are able to register, schedule and pay for the HiSet testing themselves online. Fees for all Five subjects for in person testing is \$103.25, which breaks down to \$20.75 for the initial exam, and for the retest \$10.75 up to two retests. HiSet also offers at Home Testing for those over 21 years old and meets the computer requirements. There is an additional fee for the HiSet Proctor.

III. Reminder for partners and groups: programs being offered a charging a fee, etc. per Dr. Bates “Absolutely, never allowable in any circumstances” The only out of pocket fees for the students is now any HiSet testing costs. If you have any questions or need to speak about any charges you must reach out to Maria A. and/or Dr. Jennifer B.

IV. Cumberland/Salem Title II Consortium Partner Report

a. Salem County Vocational Technical Schools

Maria: Enrollment is 326 students and 27 more needs hours, with EFL gain are 7 out of 11 categories which are above the State Levels. SCVTS has 29 students enrolled with more to enter, low EFL gains are in Level 1

Cumberland County Corrections: 72 students enrolled and have 45% Post testing rate

Revive South Jersey couldn't make it to the meeting due to other commitments. They have 38 students enrolled which is above their 27 students that was allotted to them. They have 50% Post testing rate and above State Level in ESL Levels 3 & 4.

b. Millville Public Library

Sonya S. and Courtney R.: Still entering data. New students starting shortly. HiSet is doing well for our students. 6 to 10 students received their diplomas. Students are hybrid in the day and virtual in the evenings. The library is expanding and will be giving Sonya a new classroom upstairs starting in May or so. The library received a grant from DOL for job counseling for the community.

c. Rowan College of South Jersey

Mike G.: Thanks to Maria to assisting in him with the data, etc. with their transition. Cohorts are ending in May, doing the Post testing and getting data up to date. Calendar for next year is available, observing instructors at this time. Higher rate in ESL then ABE.

d. Salem Community College

Rosemma W. HSE classes are back. Testing numbers will soon be entered. 9 or 10 students will take the HiSet test soon. There numbers are good and entering more data tomorrow. New classes start July 5th week. Roger will assist in classes, and they will be face to face.

e. PathStone

Pat C.: 27 students enrolled. Scheduling for Post testing. 5 students working towards their diplomas and 2 already received their diplomas. Working on cleaning up all data. Pat C. is retiring and gave Thanks for the support and collaboration over the years, they are trying to regroup and assist with whomever the new replacement will be. The real need and desire are virtual classes. All their students are doing well in this setting.

Dr. Jennifer B "Congrats on retiring and you will always be part of us. This is from the committee and all of us, would like to THANK YOU!

V. Cape May Title II Consortium Partner Reports

a. Atlantic Cape Community College

Barbara K.: They have met Level of Service of 442 to 460 students, with 19 diplomas and 8 more to complete. They have met 3 out of 6 categories for ABE. They love the HiSet testing. They have 48 credentials at a 76% rate and 58% rate in Post testing.

b. Cape May Tech

Betsy: She lost some connections during the meeting. Something is June 14th from 4 to 5pm. They had a job fair with 64 vendors. Teas & Casas testing for the secondary programs are filling up and are in person till May 10th. Other classes are full. Out of Aztec Plus and Burlington English (BE) – students prefer BE. Still entering data. 105 NRS reportable students. HiSet testing – students have more success, and it is a great improvement from the other.

VI. Workforce Learning Link Reports

Allison S.: 15 entered employment, 3 student entered Post-secondary education/training, 3 attained diplomas, 21 students attained outcomes which was 42% toward the 60% target. We feel we can meet the target. Educational gains are 36% towards 30% target which was 18 EFL gains. This data is as of April 1st.

Cape May is getting back to in person. Barbara and Allison will need to go over the budget in the next several weeks before June 30th. Cape May has been running for about 2 weeks now due to room issues. The classes are Tuesdays and Thursday from 1pm to 4:30pm. Understanding the process of referrals better.

VII. Old/New Business

There were no other reports.

VIII. Adjournment

Jenn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Betsy Satterfield. Second by Barbara Kozek. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.