

## LITERACY PLAN COMMITTEE

October 20, 2011

### Members Present

Dr. W. King, Chair

Valoree Luzier, GC DoC

Morris Reichman, NJLWD

Jennifer Shaw, DVRS

Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Kasmire Blazie, NJLWD

Trudy Lawrence, LVA

Brigette Satchell, GCC

Eileen Gallo, WIB Staff

### Members Absent

Pat Bruder, EIRC

Joe Frattali, WIB Director

John DeSant, GC DoC

Ed Green, DVRS

Dr. King opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

A motion to approve minutes from July 21, 2011 meeting was made by Valoree Luzier, seconded by Trudy Lawrence.

### **Status**

Brigette Satchell reported funding is \$271,928 for Title II which is a 33% reduction. This has not impacted any services. During first quarter they have served 187 customers (40% of projected goal). Brigette reported she has seen increase of youth ages 16-19 whose parents are pulling their kids from school due to social aspects to earn their GED. She has concerns that once they earn their GED; what will they do next? Brigette will attend the next Youth Council meeting. Start dates have been scheduled for November & December, so far they have 60 people registered for ESL & GED classes. The jail recently had 4 inmates pass the GED test and three are actively participating. St. Matt's had four new clients in September, currently have eight active participants.

Kasmire reported from July 2011 through October 2011 they had 35 new clients start, 21 completed, 3 obtained GED, 4 moved onto training & higher education, 33 currently attending One Stop Center, 19 currently attending computer literacy.

Mo reported the State has provided Learning Link at the One Stop new computers.

A second training session with LVA volunteers was held and they have more volunteers interested in working at the jail. They also have a new board member who is interested in spearheading collaboration with the jail.

### **New Business**

Eileen reported they are working with Title II funds, which are different than Workforce Learning Link funds and combing them so same level of service of 20 hours going at both jail and St. Matts.

Eileen reported the Workfirst NJ Funds will be increased to \$200,000, this means we have to increase people we serve to 95, last year we served 75.

Brigette will speak with Dr. Ivory & Kim A. to discuss a better coordination with the increase of students interested in obtaining their GED, particularly ages 16-21 and if there a duplication of service.

The next meeting will be held January 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff