

LITERACY PLAN COMMITTEE

January 19, 2012

Members Present

Dr. W. King, Chair
Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Jennifer Shaw, DVRS
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Kasmire Blazie, NJLWD
Valoree Luzier, GC DoC
Eileen Gallo, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Kim Alexander, GCIT
John DeSant, GC DoC
Trudy Lawrence, LVA
Brigette Satchell, GCC

Pat Bruder, EIRC
Ed Green, DVRS
Morris Reichman, NJLWD

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

A motion to approve minutes from October 20, 2011 meeting was made.

Status

Title IIA – Brigitte reported as of December 2011 GCC served 272 customers which is 60% of enrollment goal is for PY which runs through June 30 2012. This month GCC started an evening program at GCIT and had 23 customers sign up. ESL – GCC has temporarily stopped off site locations but will resume in March. The sites are: Woodbury High School, Williamstown Middle School, and looking at Swedesboro Library. Holly Bush Apartments would like GCC to do an on-line hybrid GED program for 8 residents, this will begin in February.

Jail – currently have 5 inmates actively attending. A GED testing session will be scheduled for 4 inmates by end of January. Dr. King stated the jail is interested in program called Plato, which is designed to access clients as to their grade level, then help increase their grade level. Valoree reported she & John witnessed the program in Salem County recently. She stated there is a concern with how much time the clients (inmates) would have on the computer since they are only a few computers & with officers taking time to assist. They do feel the program will be good because they can start the program in the jail and can continue elsewhere i.e. Mid Atlantic in Paulsboro and the One-Stop. Dr. King asked Valoree to let him know what room the computers should be in, how it should be set up and what materials will be needed, he will speak with authorities.

St. Matt's currently has 8 active participants, 3 will start next week. Currently have 5 active at the jail and 15 at the Thorofare One Stop.

There remains a major disconnect with information being provided to inmates upon release as to where they may continue literacy. Dr. King stated we need to develop an exit strategy for inmates; an information packet will be put together for inmates upon their release.

TANF – 8 new customers for month of December.

CWEP – they have tutoring center which is developing a training program so they better understand the tutoring process.

GED – Eileen requested monthly status of GED test takers be provided to K. Goetz so information can be put into AOSO so we can get credit.

Learning Links

Kasmire reported 11 new clients; 17 completed; 2 obtained GED; 5 referred to training of high education; 4 gained employment; 22 currently attending; 15 for computer only.

GCIT

Current enrollment is 8 and they had 25 inquiries about the program.

New Business

Eileen reported the WFNJ contract went through.

Dr. King reported a job skills graduation was held at the jail, 18 inmates received certificates (11 were present).

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held April 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff