

Illinois Community College Board
Adult Education and Family Literacy
Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, October 15 2009
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Dawn Hughes
Rocki Wilkerson
Nicky Chan
Daisy Mitchell
Raina Mearns
Kay Fleming
Becky Hale
Jane Alberter
Keri Lucas
Shannon Callahan
Cyndy Colletti
Diana Barthelman
Herbert Moreno
Lyn Buerkett
David Adcock
Kendra Humphreys
Terri Cusick
Bevan Gibson

Staff Present

Karen Hunter Anderson
Jennifer Foster
Marilyn Schmidt
Nathan Wilson
David Baker
Jay Brooks
Anna Nakashima
Ben Greer
Kelly Alongi
Tisha Smith
Nelson Aguiar
Jennifer Miller
Nora Rossman

Members Not Present

Cindy Zumwalt
Angela Hite-Carter
Holly Lawyer
Ewa Kulas
Kathy Citro
Sue Barauski
Kathy Mattingly
Peggy Heinrich
Lavon Nelson

Opening Comments

Advisory Council Chair- Becky Hale

- Welcome back and thank you for agreeing to serve an extra year. There are big things ahead for Adult Ed with or without extra funding and we are making positive changes to prove we are worthy of funding.

Review of the May 18, 2009- Minutes

- Diana Barthelman moved to approve and Rocki Wilkerson seconded.

ICCB Staff Updates

Dr. Karen Hunter-Anderson, Vice President for Adult Education and Institutional Support

- Credit goes to all of those in the Adult Ed community for being a model for addressing a budget crisis. Because of all of you, Adult Ed received the attention of Legislators and the public at large.

- MAP grants were cut by 50 percent. A high number of students rely on this type of funding. We are working hard to get the date for application extended because a lot of our students apply to late. We are also trying to reserve funds for Community College students.
- The Board of Higher Education continues to integrate Adult Education as a part of our agenda.
- At the November Board Meeting, we will present the Strategic Plan and recommendations from the Latino Advisory Committee. There will be a Latino Summit in late January or early February and all are invited to attend.
- President's Council and Illinois Community College Trustees Association – thanking them for the sponsorship of COABE. This will allow us to provide registration waivers for participants. It's encouraging to see the importance of Adult Ed among the Community College system.
- Visioning Document – we are so proud of this document and appreciate all who developed it. This will allow us to develop strategies to move forward in Adult Education.

Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy

- Thanks to the Adult Ed community – you are the reason we received the discretionary funds.
- Let's continue our push!
- A Wait list and enrollment survey distributed so that we can determine what's going on in our programs.
- Grant opportunities:
 - o Early School Leaver Transition Program – due October 2009
 - This program will help to transition ages 16 – 21 to transition to post-secondary and employment
 - 8 – 12 programs will be awarded
 - o Bridge Development Grant – due October 2009
 - o Bridge Implementation Grants –
 - Will award to ten programs that developed bridge programs in the previous fiscal year.
 - We will evaluate the effectiveness of the current Bridge programs through to the office of Community College Research & Leadership.
- Shifting Gears Initiative –Adult Education was commended for the work that is being done related to the transition initiative.
 - o There will be a series of Regional Meetings held in the Spring throughout the state that are designed to provide information and guidance for the development of Bridge programs.
- Welcome Dawn Hughes to the Central Service Center
- The ICCB is anticipating a competitive process in FY10.
- COABE
 - o Encourage all to submit proposals.
 - o This is our chance for Illinois Adult Ed to shine!

Adult Education Strategic Plan “Creating Pathways for Adult Learners”

A Visioning Document for the Illinois Adult Education and Family Literacy Program: Continuing Our Work to Meet Adult Learners' Needs – Marilyn Schmidt

- Keep in mind this is a 'Visioning' document and not an 'Operational' document
- The task force wanted to build on Excellence in Adult Education
- It was evident we are not focusing solely on career pathways instead pathways for ALL learners.

Committee Meetings

Each committee will meet to discuss the established priorities for FY2010

Committee Reports

No committee reports. Committees worked on finalizing the Strategic Plan.

General Discussion and Announcements

- Finalized Strategic Plan document for presentation to the board. The Strategic Plan was approved by the Adult Education Advisory Council.
 - o Lyn Buerkett approved motion to accept the document
 - o Herbert Moreno seconded
- Next Steps
 - o This group and others will work to put operational detail to this plan.
 - o Two meetings will be held to discuss the strategic plan
 - 2/9 (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) and 2/10 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
 - 5/4 (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) and 5/5 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
 - Will keep you posted on location of meetings
- There will not be a 2012 version of GED test. The new GED test is now being referred to as the GED 20/20. This will be implemented over a period of time and will ask state directors to participate in the process. More information will come out as we receive it.
- National Adult Education Week
 - o Begins October 18th
 - o A press release will be sent to all programs.

Adjourn – 1:55 p.m.