

Area Planning Council

November 2, 2018

8:30 AM

DACC - Laura Lee Room

Facilitator: Laura Williams, Director of Adult Ed **Note taker:** Cydney Boyd Adult Ed Specialist

Attendees: Brandice Connor, DACC Literacy Coordinator
Jonathan Jett, Vermilion County Works Director
Nicole Zaayer, Kenneth Bailey Academy
Jeri Spezia, Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board
Brian Hensgen, American Job Center/DACC
Layne Estes, Illinois Dept. of Human Services
Becky Robinson, Illinois Dept. of Rehabilitation Services

Susie Landers, DACC Adult Ed Dept.
Dick Brazda, Tutor/Community Member
Laura Williams, DACC Adult Ed Director
Cydney Boyd, DACC Adult Ed Specialist
Cicily Dowell, East Central Illinois Comm. Action
Emily Klein, East Central Illinois Comm. Action
Cheryl Reifsteck, Regional Office of Education

Minutes

Agenda item: Council Chair & Secretary Nominations

Discussion:

Brian Hensgen nominated Laura Williams as Chair and Cydney Boyd as Secretary. Brandice Connor 2nd Brian's notion.

Conclusions:

Council agreed. New Council Chair is Laura Williams, and new Council Secretary is Cydney Boyd.

Agenda item: Purpose of APC: Article III – B. 1. **Presenter:** Enter presenter here

Discussion:

Laura Williams gave an overview of APC and briefly went through the By-Laws. Also, she stated that DACC and the Regional Office of Education are the only ICCCB Sanctioned entities to provide HSE prep classes that meet content standards and have the qualified instructors.

Importance of Partnerships – need to have at least 1 representative of from each school district within the APC boundaries maintaining either grades K-12 or 9-12 and each Regional Superintendent of Schools on the APC Council.

Conclusions:

We will have invitations sent out.

| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| ✓ Invite Reps | Laura Williams | |

Agenda item: Updates **Presenter:** Enter presenter here

Discussion:

Adult Ed – Laura Williams gave an overview of the programs and services offered: Middle College, ESL, GED/HiSET tests, HSE classes, and new instructor for ESL

SOS/Literacy – Brandice Connor gave an overview of the Reader's Route program, distributed flyers (IN NEED OF TUTORS), shared success stories from clients that received tutoring, and discussed some of the complications of the tutoring program at the prison (segregation & transfers).

C.N.A. – Susie Landers gave an overview of the registration process – need at least an 8th grade math skill level / 85% on the math placement test. Also, she mentioned that based on demand we may or may not offer the program again at Pleasant Meadows.

Agenda item: Partner Share

Discussion:

Dick Brazda is in need of volunteers to help offer tax assistance.

Brian Hensgen gave an overview of AJC and their federal guidelines.

Jeri Spezia shared that there is a list of resources listed on Vermilion County's website for mental health, and that the Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board is offering FREE individual and group mental health first aid training.

Jonathan Jett gave an overview of Vermilion County Works, the Industrial Career Pathways Program and the Out-of-School Youth Program for ages 16-24.

Cheryl Reifsteck shared about the ROE's new regional state school supplementary GED prep classes (HSE Alternative Credentialing System) that allows those who left high school a few credits/classes shy of graduating can complete those specific courses/credits to receive their high school diploma. This program also allows students to take the GED/HiSET early at the age of 16. Pilot program takes off in January 2019 only at the ROE and will have a cost associated.

Other Information

Resources:

The American Job Center offers financial assistance for the GED/HiSET test costs, C.N.A., childcare and more. The AJC also offers career counselling and assist in building resumes and cover letters.

East Central Community Action offers financial assistance for the GED/HiSET test costs, C.N.A. scholarships, and financial assistance for energy bills for families with children under the age of 5 and seniors 60 years old and older.

Kenneth D. Bailey Academy offers a 2nd chance program for youth that includes counselling and assistance in navigating life after high school.

Dick Brazda offers tutoring and free tax assistance for household that make less than \$55,000.

Upcoming Events:

November 12 – The East Central Illinois Community Action Agency in Danville will host its first annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Temple Plaza (under a heated tent). Veterans will receive complimentary catered lunch, gift baskets with nutrition and tasty treats, a chance to win incredible door prizes, program recognition. For information, call 217-554-9122 or email at comaction@comaction.org.

November 15 – Kenneth D. Bailey Academy will host their Thanksgiving Lunch for \$2.00. Contact Nicole Zaayer for more information at 217-477-0320.

December 1 – VITA Energy Assistance; for more information contact call 217-554-9122 or email at comaction@comaction.org.