

Division of Career and Adult Education
Practical Nursing Advisory Council
Family Literacy Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2014

Members Present: Jim Selph, Elvia Valdovinos, Kathy Severson, Susan Barnes, Leota Fussell, Delorise Mathis, Julie Price, Debbie Markham, Diana Manriquez, and Will Wise

Members Not Present: Amanda Wood, Martha Jo Markey, Kristen Spahr, Minerva Ortiz, Carmen Rodriguez, J. Worthington, and Maria Gonzalez

Guest: Mike McCoy

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Severson at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call was made and minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting were presented and approved as written.

Old Business

Mrs. Severson announced that the additional \$3,500 received from the AGE grant have been or will soon be spent on new GED curriculum and other student supplies.

Mrs. Severson also reported that from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 a total of 132 GED diplomas were issued to students tested at the Family Service Center.

New Business

Mrs. Severson distributed and reviewed enrollment comparisons between last school year and this school year as follows:

07/01/12 – 02/04/13	Total Enrollments 323
07/01/13 – 02/04/14	Total Enrollments 347

Mr. Selph commented that he noticed on the Membership Tally form under Veterans there were 0 members. He encouraged the FSC to contact the Veterans administration about programs offered at the FSC.

Dr. McCoy distributed and reviewed an update of Adult Career Pathways. To date, the Adult Career Pathways program has served approximately 170 students. Activities include: workshops, an internship/volunteer program, typing tutor, job coaching, Ready-to-Work, job observation/shadowing/exploration and CHOICES. He also reported that he participates in Heartland Workforce meetings. He also announced that FSC students will be taking a field trip to a SFSC Career Workshop in Avon Park on February 27 from 8:30 to 12:30.

Mrs. Severson reported that federal grants will be competitive this year. She has completed the Florida Blue grant for \$5,000 and is working on the Dollar General Family Literacy grant for \$15,000.

Mrs. Severson reported that the Family Literacy Program to date has served 26 families. Four families did not return second semester for various reasons: One earned her GED; two moved; and one mother is pregnant. There is currently one male student who enrolled in the program second semester.

Mrs. Price reported that the nursing class is currently in clinicals at DeSoto Memorial and will soon begin a rotation of clinicals at DeSoto Health & Rehab. The LPN students will be participating in the community "Love Your Heart Day" by taking blood pressures, etc. Diana Manriquez, an LPN student said the class worked at the DeSoto County Fair booth and took blood pressures and provided health information.

LPN applications for the 2014-15 school year are out and are to be returned to the FSC by April 11.

Mr. Selph reported:

DeSoto County is currently addressing railroad issues.

New jail, as previously mentioned, is needed.

New Fire Station is needed to replace one located on Carlstrom Field Road.

The citrus industry is in serious trouble. Funds of \$125 million have been allotted to researching citrus diseases.

Many good activities are taking place at the Turner Center. Recently there was a ranch rodeo earning money for Hospice; in December the Vietnam Traveling Wall will be at the Turner Center.

Debbie Markham reported that this is a busy time of year for First State Bank due to harvesters and out-of-state retirees.

Sheriff Wise of the DCSO was late coming to the meeting but wanted to share a little about the issue of legalizing Marijuana for medicinal purposes. He stated that Florida has just gotten the "pill mill" under control and now he fears that Marijuana will take the place of the "pill mill." He stated that in Washington where medical marijuana was passed an undercover agent went in one of the shops to purchase marijuana. He was told that a prescription was required and he said he didn't have one. He was then told that he could go next door to see an ARNP. When he went next door, the ARNP wrote a prescription for the undercover agent because he looked like he was in pain. Needless to say, he could then purchase the marijuana for medicinal purposes. Serious thought needs to be given to such a bill.

A special thanks to the FSC student representation (Elvia Valdovinos, Delorise Mathis, and Diana Manriquez) was given.

The next meeting date will be May 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leota K. Fussell