

Division of Career and Adult Education  
Practical Nursing Advisory Council  
Family Literacy Oversight Committee  
Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2014

Members Present: Jim Selph, Kathy Severson, Leota Fussell, Kristen Spahr, Maria Gonzales, and Will Wise

Members Not Present: Amanda Wood, Martha Jo Markey, Minerva Ortiz, Carmen Rodriguez, J. Worthington, Susan Barnes, Delorise Mathis, Julie Price, Debbie Markham, Diana Manriquez, and Elvia Valdovinos

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 February 10 meeting were presented by Mrs. Fussell. The minutes were approved as written.

#### Old Business

Mrs. Severson reported that Workforce Education grants that are up for review will be competitive this year, but feels confident that the FSC has a good chance of receiving these grant funds.

Mrs. Severson shared that the 2014-15 Florida Blue grant for \$5,000 has been received. She also gave an update on the FSC Family Literacy garden that was made possible by the Florida Blue and Mosaic grants—tomatoes, cilantro, and onions were planted in the spring and the plants are all producing. In addition she is currently gathering information about the Farm to School program that partners local farms with K-12 schools to provide Florida children with nourishing, locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in school cafeterias.

Dr. McCoy reviewed the 2013-14 Adult Career Pathways (ACP) Annual Report. This is the third year of the program at the Family Service Center. This year more than 210 students participated in the ACP program. Activities include: workshops, field trip to SFSC to the Career Connections exhibits, an internship/volunteer program, typing tutor, job coaching, job observation/shadowing/exploration and CHOICES. Dr. McCoy also participated in the Heartland Workforce meetings and the SFSC Adult Education orientation which is a component of their Adult Career Pathways program.

#### New Business

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

07/01/12 – 05/19/13	Total Enrollments 415
07/01/13 – 05/19/14	Total Enrollments 403

Mrs. Severson distributed the ACE of Florida 2014 Legislative Overview. Out of 1,811 bills, 264 passed. The most significant for adult education is that the tuition per semester will be \$45 whether students can prove Florida residency or not.

Mrs. Severson reported that the FSC expects its budget to be cut by approximately \$30,000, but the FSC plans to operate efficiently by cutting back in several areas such as supplies.

Mrs. Severson invited everyone to the FSC Renaissance to be held Thursday, May 29, for day and night students—11:00 a.m. for day students and at 6:30 p.m. for night students. She explained that Renaissance is our way of recognizing students for their accomplishments. The student of the semester will also be announced at Renaissance.

Mrs. Severson reported that the Family Literacy Program to date has served 26 families. Four families did not return second semester for various reasons: Three of the 26 earned their Florida High School Diploma (GED). She also shared that recently it was announced that the Family Service Center Family Literacy Program was out of compliance. She first clarified that the Family Literacy program is not a daycare program. The children who attend this program are cared for

by their parents while at school. For this reason the program is not required to meet the same building standards as a daycare center and according to all the resources she has, this program is in compliance.

Mrs. Price was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. She and the LPN students were scheduled to tour the Arcadia Dialysis Center "Davita" to learn about renal dialysis and job opportunities. In Mrs. Price's absence, Mrs. Fussell reported the following:

1. The LPN Program is currently performing clinicals at the local nursing home, DeSoto Health and Rehab.
2. They have five weeks of clinical training and classroom testing before graduation.
3. Graduation is scheduled for June 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Service Center Annex.
4. Clinical Solutions is a company, who is sending a representative for the first time to FSC, to provide an IV Course for our nursing graduates.
5. Nursing interviews for the 2014-15 class are nearing completion and the selection process has begun. The candidates were required to take an NLN (National League of Nursing) Pre-Test as a part of the application process.

#### Community Reports

Mr. Selph reported that due to the death of Mr. Guy Maxcy, DeSoto County's Administrator, Mandy Hines has been selected to fill the County Administrator position until a new administrator is hired. He also reported that USDA has identified several compounds that may possibly be used to eradicate the citrus greening disease. Of course once the compounds are confirmed, there will be much time spent in testing to get USDA approval.

Kristen Spahr gave an update on the DeSoto Memorial Hospital "Lose to Win" program that began January 13 and will end June 8. There were 470 who signed up and there are currently 360 people still in the program. There will be an awards program June 9. She also reported that the hospital now has Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation programs. These programs are designed to improve the health and quality of life of those living with heart, lung, and vascular diseases. These programs are designed to help patients manage their chronic diseases to lead more active and more productive lives.

Sheriff Wise of the DSO reported that the county jail currently has 161 inmates.

The 2014-15 SAC meeting dates will be announced at the beginning of the school year and SAC members will be notified.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leota K. Fussell