

Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium
Open Meeting
Grand Ballroom 333 Universal Hollywood Dr., Universal City, CA 91608
Friday, May 13, 2017 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Executive Committee in attendance:

- Emilio Urioste, BUSD
- Joseph Stark, LAUSD
- Dan Garcia, MUSD
- Veronica Montes, CCUSD
- Robert Miller, LACCD

- I. Opening**
 - a. Call to order at 2:05 p.m by Lanzi Asturias
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Minutes Approval:** February 10, 2017 Open meeting
 - a. Mr. Stark made a motion
 - b. Dr. Miller seconded the motion
 - c. Vote: Unanimous
- IV. Pilot Programs Update**
 - a. Mr. Asturias brought up a document on a screen that represents types of programs that have been implemented. He stated that the document shown is not on website yet, but will be posted as soon as everything is updated. The document has links to the seventy pilots. Clicking on the link takes the user to the pilot program template.
- V. Workgroup Meetings Update**
 - a. Mr. Asturias showed schedule of the five workgroups as they are planned through June 30th. 57 meetings are currently set. Mr. Asturias mentioned that each meeting represents 3 hours work per person, which comes out to over 1500 personnel hours to implement strategies of consortium
- VI. Progress and Expense Report Update**
 - a. Mr. Asturias brought up Progress and Expense Report that was turned into the State of California. Reporting through June 30th will be presented to the public in the end of September.
- VII. COABE and Planned Professional Development Updates**
 - a. Mr. Asturias stated that an inter-district Professional Development App will be taking place at Goodwill Industries. They will be hosting 100 individuals to help with Learning and Development systems. All workgroup participants would have membership to Schoology—which helps with reducing the number of meetings.
 - b. Mr. Asturias stated that CalPro will be doing Learning Development training next year, and that the Integrated Educational training will be done as a series of webinar
 - c. Mr. Stark made the comment the student panel from the conference immediately prior was inspiring. He mentioned that LARAEC doesn't do enough student panels. He wants

the board to consider how they can expand opportunities for our student leaders. He thinks their ideas are very important to the consortium particularly as they head toward the next three-year planning period.

- d. Dr. Miller stated that there are a lot of potential mentorship opportunities through pilot programs. He wants the consortium to consider having events that are student-centered, relate to them as individuals, and help them find potential mentorship opportunities.
 - i. Mr. Urioste stated that there is a COABE meeting on May 21, 2017 with 100 participants, including both team and workgroup members. He would be in favor of offering intra-consortium free workshops that could pull people from far and near
 - ii. Mr. Asturias mentioned that webinars would be able to get the information to people just as far away, without transportation costs
 - iii. Mr. Urioste would like to see a workshop for ESL students on using social media. It's a skillset that he feels could really help that population. He feels there could be free workshops advertised to our students.
- di. Mr. Asturias stated that the annual retreat will be due Oct 15th, 2017. The consortium is starting the next three year plan.
- dii. Yvette Fimbres was brought forward to give a rundown of the focus group preceding the open meeting. She stated that it will be very instrumental to planning, and presented the following findings from their focus group
 - i. There was a question about what job training programs they are interested in: students asked for CNA, pharmacy tech, medical billing
 - ii. There was a question about what times/days the students would be willing to come to school: students asked for more flexibility to expand to Saturdays and expand use of online curriculum
 - iii. There was a question about what makes it difficult for adults to come to school? Childcare was the most common answer. The students stated it was a barrier for themselves, friends, and family. Parking and transportation is the second most common answer.
 - iv. The final survey question asked if there was anything else they would like us to know. A recurring theme was that they would like to have an orientation that has an interest and skills survey to guide them in preparing a career pathway.
- diii. Mr. Garcia responded that one of the reasons that it is tough to get training in the healthcare field is that there is a higher cost for that training. He's grateful for the information, but it will be something that they have to plan as a consortium.
- div. Dr. Miller stated that there are always social needs that are barriers to education. Unfortunately, it's something that the consortium has never had enough funds to provide for covering all of the social needs. He would like to see an emphasis on partnerships with groups whose primary objective meets one or more of these social needs. Partnerships may build more effective service by letting each group focus on what they do best, and avoid the need for creating a brand new service from scratch—which ultimately is a less efficient use of resources.

VIII. Public comment

- a. Juan Noguera, member of the public, stated that students have always played a big role in adult education. He feels community colleges should have student members on our councils. He feels that this would serve two purposes. First, it would give them active experience in a leadership role. Secondly, there are a lot of issues that the consortium and our councils might not come up with when viewing the problem from the outside. He pointed out that the students who are even able to attend the focus group are a small percentage of the people who need these services. He feels the students who can attend are more privileged and the consortium needs to find a way to reach out to the less-privileged in the community. He ended his comment by asking the consortium to think about the people working two jobs that do not have time to attend school and to think of how many mothers cannot attend because of their children.
 - i. Response: Emilio Urioste stated that a Student Council exists in Burbank. He also stated that if someone is working two jobs, it is likely that they need more skills training. We have a strong economy right now, and a very low unemployment rate. He understands childcare is an issue, but it's also a liability.
 - ii. Response: Veronica Montes presented a success story she witnessed of a Student Council president who is now student body president at West L.A., and has been offered two full-ride scholarships: one at USC and one at CAL-Berkeley

IX. Action Items: Consortium Fiscal Administration Declaration

- a. Mr. Larias explained that the Consortium Fiscal Administration Declaration (CFAD) is a proposal of how to divvy up funds that come from the state to the consortium. This proposal will be sent to the state. The allocation that took place this year is the same that took place last year.
- b. Dr. Miller made a motion to authorize CFAD as submitted.
- c. Mr. Stark seconded the motion.
- d. Vote: Unanimous

X. Closing comment

Veronica Montes asked the public to please send any agenda items to Mr. Asturias for future meetings. Larec.net website, you can send comments and they go directly to Mr. Asturias.

XI. Next meeting Sept 8th, 2017