

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY TO THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

James Monroe Building
Richmond, VA 23218-2120
February 8, 2013
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
Jefferson Conference Rooms B & C

MINUTES

Opening statement by Dr. Thomas Brewster, Chair

Persons in attendance:

Committee Members

Dr. Thomas M. Brewster
Ms. Elaine Callahan
Mr. Rodney D. Caulkins
Dr. Marcia Gail Derrick
Ms. Betsy Mathias
Mr. Maurice Oliver
Ms. Katharine Parrish

Dr. Troilen Seward
Mr. E. Denton Sisk
Ms. Bette Sneed
Ms. Mary Elizabeth White

DOE/OAEL Staff

Dr. Susan M. Clair
Mr. James André

Mr. George Bailey
Ms. Debbie Bergtholdt
Ms. Gloria Murphy
Dr. Mike Nusbuam
Mr. Thomas Suh

Introductions

- Introduction of new and reappointed committee members for the 2012-2015 term:
Ms. Elaine Callahan, Ms. Betsy Mathias, Mr. Maurice Oliver, Ms. Katharine Parrish,
Dr. Troilen Seward
- Dr. Brewster introduced Dr. Susan M. Clair as the new Director for the Office of
Adult Education and Literacy (OAEL).
- Dr. Clair introduced the OAEL staff.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes.

Public Comments

- None were presented

- Ms. Debbie Bergtholdt, GED state administrator, addressed the following issues concerning the 2014 GED® Test:
 - The benefits of GED® testing on computer
 - Information regarding those who have taken the computer-based test
 - Resources that are available, including the GED Testing Service Web site at www.GEDtestingservice.com

- Mr. James André, specialist for federal programs, provided an overview and updates on PluggedIN Virginia, including:
 - Contextualized instruction combining industry specific curriculum
 - GED® test preparation and basic skills instruction
 - Digital literacy skills
 - Professional soft skills
 - PluggedIN Virginia capstone projects
 - Co-enrollment at postsecondary institutions (minimum of 12 transferable credits)
 - Virginia's recognition for its PluggedIn Virginia Career Pathways model, which has been featured in several national publications

- Other topics addressed by Mr. André were:
 - Career fields for PluggedInVA cohorts
 - PluggedInVA partners
 - PluggedInVA cumulative data
 - Industry-recognized credentials earned
 - Career studies certificates
 - PluggedIn VA expansion
 - Expansion grants
 - Pre-PluggedIn VA

- Dr. Clair and Ms. Bergtholdt will submit a decision brief to Dr. Wright to include information on the new 2014 GED® test and other alternative high school equivalency tests.

- Dr. Clair provided General Assembly updates and stated that two bills were introduced, HB 2097 and SB 1188 related to Career Pathways System Advisory Council. The status of the bills is not final at this time.

- Dr. Clair reported on state funding for adult education and literacy. Race to GED funds will increase by \$85,138 in FY 2013 and decrease in FY 2014 by \$75,000. She also reported that the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult

Education, indicated a delay in providing information about federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funding allocations to states because of sequestration.

- Mr. Thomas Suh, specialist for data, monitoring, and evaluation, provided National Reporting System data concerning the following items:
 - Student enrollment numbers
 - Student attendance and instructional intensity
 - Student achievement
 - Core follow-up outcomes
 - Analysis

Next Meeting – October 18, 2013.

Adjournment