

Maryland Adult Learning Advisory Council

Annie E. Casey Foundation
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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Outcomes:

- Discussed member priorities and possible synergies among partners
- Shared key initiatives at the state and departmental levels
- Evaluated current mission critical partnerships to determine opportunities to replicate best practices to drive future results

Welcome and Introductions Irene Lee, *Chair* and Terry R. Gilleland, Jr., *Co-Chair*

- Ms. Lee and Mr. Gilleland opened the meeting at 10:00am and welcomed members and guests who attended in person and participated remotely via WebEx.
- Each attendee provided a brief synopsis of their current organizational priorities.
- The March 12, 2018 minutes were distributed to attendees to review. A motion was duly made and seconded to accept minutes as drafted. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Secretary's Greetings, Secretary Kelly M. Schulz

- Secretary Schulz welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She thanked members for their continued support of adult education in Maryland and welcomed their continued insights and feedback. She also highlighted key initiatives within the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning at the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation that included recent successes with both the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program and EARN Maryland.

Office of Adult Education & Literacy Services Update, Terry R. Gilleland, Jr., *Director*

- Mr. Gilleland highlighted that the U.S. Department of Education released the estimated federal grant awards for FY19, which included a \$340k increase over the prior fiscal year. With the state match, local program awards will total \$16.2 million. DLLR will continue to pay local infrastructure costs for Title II partners, which is an additional \$145k. Those funds come from the administrative budget category used to staff personnel and office expenses, but Mr. Gilleland emphasized the importance of releasing as much funding as possible for student impact.

Partnership Success Stories

- *Mission Critical Partnerships, Tanya Terrell, Executive Director* South Baltimore Learning Center and *Sharon Asongyani, Program Director, JARC* Baltimore

Ms. Terrell presented an overview of SBLC including the services provided and the participants served. Partnerships with organizations – nonprofit, corporate/business philanthropy and other community organizations – helps to leverage resources to meet the organization’s objectives, further the mission of SBLC and facilitate a reciprocal relationship between partners. Ms. Asongyani highlighted the specific partnership JARC has with SBLC. JARC and SBLC partner to provide an Integrated Educational Training (IET) bridge component for participants who are training for careers in manufacturing. JARC trains participants in CNC machining or welding and upon completion place participant with local employers. SBLC provides the academic skills upgrade for those participants who are lacking.

- *Cross-Collaboration Success Stories, Erin Roth, DWDAL Policy Director, DLLR*
The WIOA alignment group collaborated to find opportunities for enhancement of services for Maryland residents. As a result, DLLR strengthened its partnership with the Maryland Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to enhance the services provided to common customers. As a result, customers were better able to access career opportunities and resources.

- *P-20 Council: GED Workgroup Outreach Initiative, Molly Dugan, GED Administrator, DLLR*

The P-20 Council GED Workgroup created a successful partnership to help GED® test takers increase their likelihood of success on the GED® test. The Workgroup identified an individualized tutoring program that provided math instruction. The Anne Arundel County Literacy Council piloted the program to provide free tutoring to GED® test takers who were unsuccessful on the GED® math test. The Workgroup is looking to expand the program into other counties. Other initiatives include outreach to the local education agencies to identify students who will not graduate or not likely to graduate to provide support and resources to obtain a high school diploma.

Closing Discussion, Irene Lee, Chair and Terry Gilleland, Jr., Co-Chair

- Members are welcome to suggest additional agenda items and can send them directly to terry.gilleland@maryland.gov. The Council will explore online survey options for future topics, as well.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm. Members and guests were provided with a networking lunch sponsored by Jobs Opportunities Task Force.