



County of Mercer Workforce Development Board

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County Executive

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Chairperson

WDB Literacy Committee ♦ Interim Chairperson: Keith Secrest

February 7, 2024 9:30 a.m. ♦ Zoom Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Keith Secrest, Chair (Kinetics Industries); **Lamees Jiminez & Gabrielle Capoferri** (Homefront); Lorena Morales **LALDEF**;

WDB Staff: Virgen Velez

Welcome & Introductions

Keith Secrest opened the meeting and welcomed the group. Introductions were made.

Review and Approval of June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Secrest & seconded by Gabby Capoferri. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as circulated.

WDB Issues/Updates

WLL

The goal for PY 23 is 76 customers to be served - we are at 60%

WLL services include Microsoft, ESL

Presentation on One Stop Services will be presented to the Consortium

Title II Consortium

Title II- report is tabled until next meeting

Member Recruitment

Need to continue seeking to expand this Committee - also need to identify a Chair

Early Mercer Reads - 2024

- ✓ Past three (3) years has been virtual
- ✓ Need to recruit child care centers & readers
- ✓ June to become EMR month
- ✓ 2024 - Onsite - if child Care Centers are interested in participating. Cindy Jackson, Child Care Connection will survey centers and let us know.

Due to Cindy Jackson's absence further discussion on EMR was postponed.

Announcements – Agency/Community Events

- ✓ One Stop Center Job & Fair – May 2024
- ✓ Mercer WDB will apply for Summer Youth Employment Program

Adjournment - Keith Secrest made a motion to adjourn, Gabby Capoferri seconded.

Next Meeting Dates – First Wednesday Quarterly

PY 23 Meeting Dates: April 3 2024
Additional Meetings as Needed

June 5, 2024

NOTE: After meeting officially ended Cindy Jackson was able to join and had a brief discussion with Virgen Velez regarding EMR. It appears that many centers are not interested. Cindy will reach out again to see if there is sufficient interest. EMR events may be rescheduled to September which is Adult Literacy Month. Further discussion will take place at the June 5th meeting.