

Ontario Region LINC Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, June 3, 2005
Minutes

Chair: Katherine Babiuk, CIC

Present: CESBA: Hanna Cabaj, Julie Newlands
Colleges: Liz Sadler
TESL Ontario: Barb Krukowski, Sharon Rajabi
LINC Childminders: Anneliese Pfaller
MTCU: Peggy Frederikse
OCASI: Nancy Worsfold, Reza Shahbazi
CIC: Cliff Fast, Ruby Puni
LINC Assessors: Margaret Villamizar
Howard Barton & Associates: Joan Simalchik

Regrets: LINC Assessors: Carolyn Cohen

High Needs Survey Presentation

A High Needs Survey is being conducted by Howard Barton and Associates. The team, including, Joan Simalchik, Bert D'Antini, and Sandra Low announced the following priorities:

Identify the high needs in Ontario
Define gaps in resources, structural barriers and best practices
Research PD needs and resources through a bibliographical search, including the 1995 LINC materials

The project mandate will include a look at systemic barriers for LINC eligible learners. The following instruments will be used to collect the information:

In-depth interviews with key informants from settlement agencies through OCASI, LINC learners, and community leaders
Electronic questionnaires to LINC assessors, administrators, instructors, and childminders
Focus groups, conference calls, and individual interviews

2. On-line Learning Environment:

CIC intends to fund a project focusing on on-line PD delivery.

3. ARS Data:

ORLAC will meet with ARS to discuss the generation of aggregate reports for planning purposes.

4. Sector Updates:

Colleges

Mohawk College is offering an ELT program in conjunction with a settlement agency, which requires a minimum of Benchmark 7

MTCU

The Adult ESL Review will be ready soon.

TESL Ontario

The TESL Ontario Conference will be from November 17 to November 19, 2005, at the Holiday Inn on King Street, Toronto.

Group insurance is available for TESL Ontario members, and information will be posted on the TESL Ontario website. Individuals will be able to purchase health, dental, travel medical, life, home and auto, disability, as well as out-of-country coverage for teachers on assignment, critical illness, and retiree benefits.

CESBA

The CESBA ESL/LINC Mini-Conference for leads took place in Kingston, April 14, 2005. The President of CESBA has communicated with Ben Levin, Ontario Deputy Minister of Education, with regards to the future of school boards in Adult Education programs, as well as the Adult Education Review. The current government is committed to adult education, and the Ministry of Education is actively looking at the Adult Education Review.

OCASI

Some Bridging programs are now embedded into the university structure and candidates can access OSAP and extra supports

All ISAP contracts are going to Call-for-Proposals for spring 2006 start

5. Other business:

The Summative Assessment Manuals (SAM) were distributed to ORLAC members with LINC Programs. These materials are available for purchase on-line through CCLB.

6. Planning Exercise:

Ongoing and one-time priorities for planning were discussed.