

**SUMMARY: Ontario Region LINC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 28, 2005**

- The Summative Assessment Manual (SAM) sub-committee will find out whether there has been a pilot for evaluating the usefulness of SAM. Questions will be developed for the instructors who will evaluate the usefulness of SAM. The Sub-Committee will report instructor findings at the January 2006 ORLAC meeting.
- Statistical information requested by members of ORLAC was presented for the periods from January 2004 to December 2004, and from January 2005 to September 2005.
- Howard Barton & Associates presented an interim report on the High Needs survey
- Post-LINC ORLAC Sub-Committee ‘next steps’ There is a need for information about Post-LINC programs, provider locations, the focus of these programs (L-S-R-W or employment), continuous intake, and the intake/exit process.
- ORLAC recommends that CIC develop a system whereby a provider in each community will identify all non-LINC language related resources available, develop an inventory, and keep it current. CIC would make this information accessible provincially through a mechanism such as [www.settlement.org](http://www.settlement.org)

Sector Updates:

TESL Ontario:

- The TESL Ontario Conference to be held November 17-18-19 at the Holiday Inn on King Street in Toronto is offering a wide range of sessions.

MTCU:

- The responsibility for non-credit Adult ESL/FSL/CL has moved from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration. Transfer payments to school boards remain the same for 05-06.
- Working across Ministries, EDU, MCI and MTCU will work corporately to address “*Ontario Learns: Strengthening our Adult Education System*” and to provide a seamless, integrated language training system for Ontario’s adult newcomers.

Colleges:

- Colleges Integrating Immigrants to Employment (CIITE): The Colleges are proceeding with Phase Two of the Language Proficiency Project.

LINC Assessors:

- There is a December 2005 – January 2006 assessors’ re-certification process.
- A self – assessment test for benchmark levels 7-10 is being piloted online.

OCASI:

- Nancy Worsfold has resigned from her position at OCISO. A new OCASI representative to ORLAC will be selected shortly.
- Over eighty EDs and managers attended the OCASI Policy Conference, *From Practice to Policy*, on Thursday, October 20, 2005 in Toronto.

CESBA:

- Jack Maga, President, and Brenda King, Executive Director, met with Joan Andrew, Deputy Minister, MCI and Riet Verheggen, Peggy Frederikse and other staff, to present an overview of ESL/FSL delivery in Ontario.
- The CESBA Conference, to be held in Toronto on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> includes Gerard Kennedy and James Bartleman as keynote speakers.

RFPS:

Currently CIC has two RFPs posted:

- Conduct a Scan of available On-line Professional Development Materials and Resources for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada. Closing date: November 10, 2005
- Develop an On-line Learning Management System for Ontario LINC Assessors, Instructors, Childminders and Administrators. Closing date: November 25, 2005

Sub-Committees were established to review the proposals.

ELT:

1. Camille Papanek, appointed three weeks ago as ELT Manager, said that the internationally trained workers initiative, which includes online assessment and interactive tools, will be available in the spring and will have an orientation to Canada focus. It will be necessary for ELT to liaise with HRSDC's Bridge-to-Work program.
2. The 2005-2006 proposals have been reviewed and decisions will be made shortly.
3. CLBA and CLBPT are the assessment tools used for student placement. Some assessors are not linked to LINC programs. Current testing is available to level 8; the ELT – funded 7-10 test will be available in November.
4. At an Internationally Trained Workers Initiative conference in Vancouver in March 2006, SPOs, Operations Managers and Assessors will share expertise and best practices on the portal and ELT.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

There will be an extra meeting on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.