

Literacy Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2006

Members Present: Elaine Crawford, Robin Paulus, Carol Jacob, Lori Hunt, Blair Kraft, Sheryl Simmons, Monta Ware.

Agenda Item#1: Panel 1: “Partnerships: Working Together, Sustaining Success” Blair will do a ten minutes intro. Panel 2: Carol to do intro: Panel members will discuss the uniqueness of different literacy councils – keep to about 10 minutes to allow for q&a.

Partnerships: Working Together To Sustain Success

Blair Kraft, Program Coordinator Washtenaw Literacy and **Sheryl Simmons**, Exec. Director Women in need of Guidance and **Dr. Jonella Mongo**, Asst. Superintendent Highland Park School District and **Allen Richard**, Exec. Director Literacy Council of Midland County and **Chris VanHeel**, Exec. Director Literacy Council of Clare & Gladwin Counties and **Karre Ballard**, Director of Adult Education

This panel discussion will focus on three volunteer based literacy programs and their working partnership with their local adult education programs. Representatives from the literacy programs and the adult education programs will share their unique models of working together in providing education services to adults.

Spotlight on Volunteer Literacy

Carol Jacob, Coordinator DLEG and **Elaine Crawford**, Exec. Director Montcalm Adult Reading Council and **S. Marie Scheonlein, OP**, Exec. Director Dominican Literacy Center and **Kathy Raymer**, Exec. Director Literacy Council of Bay County and **Blair Kraft**, Program. Coordinator Washtenaw Literacy and **Robin Paulus**, Director NCCS Project Literacy and **Christine VanHeel**, Exec. Director Literacy Council of Clare & Gladwin

This panel will present six models of volunteer literacy organizations: large urban, medium rural and small urban. The discussion will begin with a brief overview of the common elements of volunteer literacy programs and then each of the panel members will discuss what is unique about their own programs.

Carol will set up a conference call for individual panels to discuss outline for presentations.

Bookmark:

Back: Michigan Depart of Labor and Economic Growth and other official information; for a Directory of Literacy councils and programs will have website address (click on literacy) to find literacy councils, by county throughout the state.

Front: “Literacy Councils in Michigan: Building foundations for learning.”

**Literacy
Councils
In
Michigan**

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Front

**Reading is a
right
not a
privilege!**

**For a directory of
literacy councils and
programs,
go to the Adult
Education website at
[www.michigan.gov/
adulteducation](http://www.michigan.gov/adulteducation)
then click "Literacy"
(DLEG INFO)**

Back

Carol will ask Jeannie in Marketing to look this over and make up a proof to be distributed to Subcommittee. These will be included with the conference materials that are distributed at registration. (I sent the bookmark to Jeannie Vogel in Marketing and she will do a mock up and get current prices. I asked for colored ink on white paper, laminated and ribbon in the hole. Also asked her to find us a graphic to give it some more interest. 1/19/06)

Web Page:

There will be an addition to the front page to the Adult Ed front web page to include literacy, when you click on literacy it will take you to a second page of website, which will be the literacy site which will have a link to literacy councils. Might include funding information, national literacy support or links to national organizations. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Map of state showing literacy council locations

We will have a map made up of the state of Michigan showing the cities and counties where literacy councils are located. This led to a discussion of having a vendor table at the March AE Conference to showcase literacy materials and information to be distributed. This would be to inform the participants about literacy councils and their activities. The Subcommittee members would handle manning the table. Carol will discuss this with Dianne. (Dianne OK-ed the table 1/18/06).