

**AB86 Task Force Meeting  
ESL/Citizenship  
August 21, 2014 3:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**Centennial Education Center  
2900 W. Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92704 Building F – Room 101**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Karen Dennis, Susan Gaer, Chrissy Gascon, Jarek Janio, Henry Kim, Christina Kubes, Sheryl Lee, Colleen Lehman, Davis Mejia, Ally Scoggin, John Tashima**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Introduction of Task Force Members</b>		
<b>Approval of June 9, 2014 minutes</b>		
<b>Website Review</b>		
<b>Objective 3 How to align and connect existing and future adult education programs to postsecondary academic pathways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Need to create and provide community computer labs</li> <li>-Need to expand and improve soft skills learning</li> <li>-Need to combine VESL and ESL education to piggyback skills</li> <li>-Look into the iBest program in Washington to learn about accelerated learning and specialized training with an ESL instructor and professional (nurse, home healthcare worker, etc.) providing language and employability skills on a faster track</li> <li>-Need to develop a common assessment for students Beginning 1 and above (currently</li> </ul>	<p><b>How can we address the items discussed?</b></p> <p><b>Some ideas are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Employ a coordinator to find job opportunities in the community</li> <li>-Employ a coordinator to track and publish anecdotal and success stories</li> <li>-Employ a coordinator for a fast-track program that will assist more advanced students</li> </ul>

	<p>being worked on – Susan Gaer is on committee)  -Suggestion of a co-enrollment program where parents and children enroll and attend classes at the same site</p>	
<p><b>Objective 3</b>  How to align and connect existing and future adult education programs to career pathways leading to employment</p>		
<p><b>Objective 3</b>  How to implement transition strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication paths among higher education</li> <li>• Defined and articulated pathways to postsecondary education or the workforce</li> <li>• Embedded access to student services including counseling, guidance, and follow-up</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Objective 5</b>  How to employ approaches proven to accelerate a student's progress toward academic and career goals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerated Programs</li> <li>• Competency-Based Programs</li> <li>• Contextualized Programs</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Objective 5</b>  How to implement and/or improve specific evidence based strategies across the region, within and between systems where they currently don't exist. Plans should address:</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the consortium will identify and gather measurable improvement metrics</li> <li>• How existing “best practices” and strategies such as those listed above will be implemented for the program area</li> </ul>		
<b>next Task Force Meeting</b>	<b>September 8 or 10, 2014</b>	