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Adults with Disabilities (AWD) Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 1, 2022

2:30-4:00 pm

Meeting Access Link: <https://mtsac-edu.zoom.us/j/82472238039>

Meeting ID: 24 7223 8039

Minutes

| ITEM | NOTES |
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| 1. Welcomed 2:30pm | please enter name, title, and site in chat |
| 2. Introduction of Consortium Manager | Omideh Miri (Mt. SAC), Sage Overoye (Mt. SAC), Briseida Ramirez (Mt. SAC), Maria Rodriguez (Mt. SAC), Ana Ramos (Consortium), Adder Argueta (Bassett), Tischel Diaz (Consortium). |
| 3. Getting to know you | The AWD workgroup members introduced themselves and shared their favorite holiday and the challenges they are facing in the education. Challenges discussions: Most of the students are facing unemployment. Many AWD students have the work skills but not the High School diploma which in most cases is a requirement for employment. |
| 4. 2022-23 Annual Plan Overview | Tischel gave a quick overview about the Annual Plan strategies and Regional needs specific to AWD population. |
| 5. Upcoming Events? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Los Angeles/OC Regional Training - Adult Education: A Gateway to College and Living Wage Employment Wednesday, December 7, 2022 Here at Mt. SAC 9am to 2pm https://www.caadultedtraining.org/Home/CAEP/587?Type=16 - Briseida Ramirez will be presenting "Parent's Resource" (CARE) (virtual) Family Network. Adults with Disabilities. December 15, 2022. Don't know if it will be recorded. |
| 6. Retention | <p>Regional Need: Education, training and support for Adults with Disabilities</p> <p>-Came across through the three year plan was retention.</p> <p>PTSD is a disability? – Tischel mentioned, she will research this and get back with that information next meeting. She mentioned that data should be reflective of the work we do.</p> <p>Briseida confirmed that according with SSI, PTSD is considered a mental disability.</p> <p>Retention is not an issue. Is more about recruitment and transition?</p> <p>Discussed the following questions:-</p> <p>How do they know you (agency) exist?</p> <p>How did they get enrolled?</p> <p>What are the attendance patterns?</p> <p>What issues have students reported regarding retention?</p> |
| 7. Other Problems facing your programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One glaring problem facing AWD is finding people who care. Students are sent out of their programming and are immediately othered, ignored, treated poorly either by other's lack of knowledge or training (or worse). • The financials/funding has been a challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TAs to help with the varied needs of the students and to support them. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No classroom has been assigned to AWD ○ Not having the right tools such as software ○ Accessible parking and locations to classrooms is also an issue ○ Appropriate mobility desks ● Classes in the community are good in reaching the students where they are, but poses another challenge: Access to technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need tablets and/or laptops, but in addition ○ Would need a way to transport and store them securely ● Adder (Bassett) mentioned having funds earmarked specifically to buy supplies or programming to make classes more accessible. Will be in touch with Mt. SAC AWD for suggestions. <p>Tischel mentioned that this is a great way to share what tools and resources needed for our students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The goal will be the access across the consortium. ● Make connections. ● Pathways for our students. – transition to career programs ● Sending them to a place where community will value AWD students. <p>Tischel suggested that an introductory class – such as entrepreneurship program may be a potential avenue for students.</p> <p>Briseida is working with the ACCESS department presenting workshops for AWD awareness and is willing to share her resources with the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mandatory training with disability? ● Consortium – Professional Development – ● Marketing? ● Funding? ● Curriculum? ● Professional Development |
| 8. Meeting Details for the Future | <p>Online vs In Person? Time Frame? Content? All members agreed to move AWD meeting to the 3rd Tuesday. Time: 1:30 pm -2:30pm - Via Zoom</p> |
| 9. Adjourned | Meeting adjourned: 3:30 pm |