



AEBG Public Meeting August 14, 2017 2:00pm-3:30pm

Santa Barbara City College | Wake Campus Room 18 | 300 N. Turnpike Road | Santa Barbara, CA 93111

2017 -2018 Annual Plan: Public Comments

The Consortium welcomed the public, pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, Community College faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community colleges to submit feedback regarding the 2017 -2018 Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Annual Plan no later than August 9, 2017.

Below are the following public comments submitted to the AEBG Coordinator:

1) Beverly Schwartzberg, Adult Literacy Coordinator, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, Library:

a) It would be an incredible great use of resources to have the Learning Assistance and Supervised Tutoring plan suggested on page 5 (for preparatory math and English) developed in conjunction with the Library's free adult tutoring program. We have 200 trained tutors, many of whom ALREADY work (independently of any relationship with SBCC) with noncredit students helping them with added support, including some needs that are not met through SBCC. Could we modify the language anywhere to say that such efforts could be conducted in conjunction with community programs such as free tutoring at the Santa Barbara Public Library System? For example on page 7, could we add "community tutoring support" somewhere to (1) Work collaborative with English and Math....to enhance completion rates of college level..."

b) And how about in Shared Professional Development, adding that adult education faculty and staff will be provided the opportunity to receive training on how to teach adults with dyslexia, as provided by the AEBG Dyslexia Initiative. (One of the real gaps in the spring training was that no one from any department/division of SBCC participated in the training.)

2) Paul Jarrell, Executive Vice President, Educational Programs, Santa Barbara City College

a) To include in the Executive Summary (Section 1: Plans & Goals) the following: "Ensure accurate data collection and analytics for all AEBG programs".

3) Joey D. Carroll, Employment Coordinator, Tri-Counties Regional Center

a) Use of the word "older" here sounds like a reference to senior citizens who may not be the primary demographic in need of training and education to build a strong workforce. Please consider removing the word "older" from this statement.

b) See Comment JC1.

c) The guidance provided under this section "Seamless Transitions" states, "*Explain how consortium members and partners are integrating existing programs and services...*" Even though this section does not specifically address the Adults with Disabilities population, I would recommend including Regional Center and DoR as collaborative partners here. (Note: Regional Center offers paid internships up to \$10,400 per year.)

d) The guidance provided under this section "Leveraging Resources" states, "*Explain how your consortium is leveraging and braiding these funds sources including those provided by consortium members and partners...*" Again, even though this section does not specifically address the Adults with Disabilities population, I would recommend including Regional Center and DoR as collaborative partners here.

e) Please consider including Regional Center in this list.