



## Learning Assistance Program Advisory Meeting Notes

**Date:** January 11, 2022  
**Meeting Place:** Zoom

**Called to order:** 2:30 pm                      **Chair(s):** Stephanie Crosby                      **Note Taker:** Odette Pinheiro

**Council Members Present:** Keturah Carter, Mary Dominguez, Frances Evans, Braden Pivrotto, Tina Polito, Cheryl Ruck, Marina Washburn, Gary White, Tammey Woodard-Welch

**Guests:** Dr. Sofia Ramirez Gelpi, Redilyn Holliday, Sandra Orozco

**Discussion:** Members of the Community Education team came in to talk about what they have available for students.

Community Education is composed of two separate types of curriculum. One is non-credit programming. The other is fee-based programming. Today's presentation is on non-credit programming.

Basic skills focuses on reading, writing and math with the idea of providing students with the necessary expertise to pass any of the high school diploma equivalency exams. They also offer citizenship preparation. They also offer non-credit English as a Second Language classes.

Vocational education is a multi-disciplinary program. They offer computer applications certificates, floral design, childcare license preparation, workforce preparation. There is a variety of certificates within the vocational education program. In addition, they are still developing more.

Workforce preparation prepares the students for three things. 1. Being able to do a job research. 2. Being able to write a resume. 3. Preparing for interviews. They are also working on a different set of skills for after the fact. Now that you have the job, what do you need to do to keep the job? Focus is on the soft skills. Showing up on time, hygiene, how to talk to your coworkers, etc., are extremely important in keeping a job. This one is still in the works; they are hoping to have it approved in time for fall 2022.

Parent education. They have a variety of different courses. They are expanding their offerings in this area to include things like childcare preparation courses, court mandated parenting. They also have Mommy & Me type of courses. Due to COVID, these are not widely being offered.

They are trying to expand their health and safety courses. Right now, they offer courses such as balance and mobility, especially for the older population, and stress management. They are trying to expand to develop a series of prevention-type courses. Hopefully, in partnership with Marian Medical Hospital. The idea is to offer courses on prevention, such as diabetes prevention, cancer prevention, breast cancer awareness, and pregnancy awareness.

Under home economics, they offer quilting, crochet, and knitting, sewing, cooking, anything that is usually associated with home economics. Also known as family and consumer science.

The next one is older adults. This program is usually targeted to individuals 55 and older. This is the program that addresses the needs of our life-long learners. They have a variety of different things from sensory awareness to painting, water color, ceramics.



Their movie night classes are under the section of older adults. We would offer a movie on Friday nights and then a lecture connected to the movie. It was one of the most popular classes that they had.

They currently have two courses offered under Adults with Disabilities. Independent skills and vocational skills. This is one area where they are definitely looking to expand.

Community Education is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm. Fridays from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Everyone is bilingual.

There is usually no tuition or fees associated with non-credit classes.

The minimum age to take classes is 18. The law has changed to allow a minor to enroll in a non-credit. However, they have to meet certain prerequisites. They have to be referred by the high school.

Goodwill does have two programs that go through the Department of Rehabilitation that offer job readiness training and paid work experience for 16 to 21 year olds who are enrolled in school.

Hancock College has a vaccine incentive for students. We have a weekly students' only food share where students can come and pick up groceries. Students in EOPS are eligible for direct aid as are some of the Veteran students. Students can borrow free textbooks from the library to use during the semester. For the last four semesters, we have been awarding students CARES Act funds during the first or second week of the semester based on the number of units that they are enrolled in. They would need to complete the FAFSA or DREAM Act applications first. The college is working with the local transit to get our students bus passes.

Hancock College has a truck-driving program and Sandra can provide information on that. The training is in two parts. There is the theory class and then there is behind the wheel. They are in the process of hiring more faculty to teach these classes. Space is limited. The students need to pass the theory class with 80%. The theory instructor is bilingual. However, the state tests are in English. Before they can get behind the wheel, they need to pass the theory class, have an authorized medical examiner report, and a ten-year driving history from the DMV. Two weeks prior to the start of the behind the wheel class, they also need a drug and alcohol screening test. Sophia has to approve every student before they can start the behind the wheel class.