



## Meeting Minutes

**October 16 18, 2015 from 8:30-10:30 am**

Rescue Mission, 201 Rutger Street Enriched Living Center, Utica

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**Welcome/Introductions/Roundtable:** Ann opened meeting, thanked Chris Hullar and Jim Haid for welcoming us to Rescue Mission, and introduced new format. Coalition members made tent name cards which will be used for all meetings; opening Round Table will be simple introductions only, with announcements and updates to be shared via a monthly PowerPoint format. Introductions went quickly.

**Special Presentation about Rescue Mission:** Debi Kenyon welcomed the group and thanked us for the work we do in literacy. The Rescue Mission just celebrated its 120 year anniversary and they feel grateful that they are still here helping in the community.

Debi shared a video created by the Utica Rescue Mission which highlighted the programs and services provided to our community. She then introduced Greg, who was featured in their video. Greg spoke about what the Rescue Mission means to him and everything the Rescue Mission has provided to help him change his life. One of most important things Rescue Mission gave him is hope. He talked about the Skills Success Program's new culinary program that he's excited about. "I thank the people of the Rescue Mission from the bottom of my heart because they did save my life."

Ernie, another worker at the Rescue Mission, talked more about Skills Success Program – carpentry, masonry, and, coming soon, culinary. Excited about the directions this program is taking, On Point, City of Utica, MVCC have been valued collaborators. They are working on a house on Sunset Ave. When the house is done, they'll sell it to a first time, low-moderate income home buyer. Program application is available on website if you know people who can benefit from this program. Discussion followed.

**Rountable PowerPoint was shared,** with active discussion and additions. Each month, the template will have space for Events, Updates, and Accomplishments. Information requested by the Wednesday before a meeting; Joanna Robertson has volunteered to create the PP monthly. (October's presentation included with minutes in email and on website.)

**Update on EZRead Community Bookshelves:** Joanna Robertson and Mary Hayes Gordon are working on reviving/updating this project. Robin Robinson mentioned that there are boxes of books at UW and asked if there is still the storage in veteran's office. The answer is yes, but organizational work is needed there. Are the LitCo Bookshelves the same as the Hamilton College shelves? They are different but they'll work with us and have been somewhat dormant for a while as well. Work will continue.



### **Website Updates and Discussion:**

General discussion about the improvements and updated on the LitPower.org website took place. One example: Is Learning Disabilities Association on website? Yes, but it is linked from RCIL site. Work Force Development Site is there. All agreed to review/use the LitPower.org site as often as possible; Katie McCauley will add data as she receives it from Team Leaders. It's agreed that for the Action team leaders, meeting 1 week before the full meeting is a great help to get things discussed and set for each meeting.

**Results Scorecard Learning Piece:** Ed Klesse shared a handout called *The Seven Performance Accountability Questions*. He talked about the progress being made by the Performance Measurement Team, and discussion took place about our understanding of Population Results vs. Performance Results. This will be our ongoing learning piece at each meeting.

**Herkimer Adult Learner Video from YouTube:** The link to see this video on YOUTUBE is [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT21e\\_fLlsI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT21e_fLlsI). Or search for Hermes Parga on the YouTube site to view a very interesting video of Jessica and Hermes. (It's worth watching!)

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### **Planning/Wrap-up:**

- PowerPoint format – useful, many thumbs up, nodding, 'yes'es . People agree that it worked well.
- Discussion Question for 2016: Full coalition meetings every other month and team meetings opposite months on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday?
- Meet in December for a Social Gathering?

### **2015 General Meetings, 8:30-10:30 am**

November 20

December 18

*Return to Herkimer County in 2016!*

*\*Invitation to meet in Frankfort at new Charter School Building – UASCS now owns former West Frankfort Elementary School*