

Amarillo College Community Link
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
June 4, 2012

In Attendance: Bob Austin, Ann Hill, Susan Stevenson, Santos Tenorio, Mary Jane Nelson, Becky Lopez, Anita Perez, Melanie Watson, Isaac Romero, Zetta Riles, Maury Roman, Danette Fenstermaker, John Liscano, and Aida Rimel.

- I. Maury Roman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced Melanie Watson, Isaac Romero and John Liscano.
- II. The minutes were presented for approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Susan Stevenson, and seconded by Becky Lopez. Minutes were approved.
- III. Melanie Watson introduced the “No Limits Neighborhood” program which is an adult education program that offers GED and English Language Learning classes, along with assistance with enrollment at Amarillo College. This program has been in existence since March 2012, any family that has a student enrolled at Whittier, Travis or Palo Duro High School is eligible.
- IV. Maury provided an enrollment update:
 - 372 students were assisted with registration for the 2011-2012 academic year.
 - As of May 31, 2012, 51 students are currently registered for the fall 2012 semester. In comparison to last year at this same time, we are down 7.2%; however, these are only preliminary numbers.
 - 358 students were served in GED preparation classes during the 2011-2012 year, which is up 11.9% from the baseline year of 2008.
 - 118 students were served in the 2011-2012 year in ESL classes, which is down by 62.7% from the baseline year 2008.
 - The GED program is one of the best recruitment sources for academic enrollment for non-traditional students. About 70% of the students that received assistance from Community Link with their GED have transitioned to Amarillo College for academic classes. Other top recruitment sources are Panhandle Workforce Solutions and Tyson, with whom strong relationships are cultivated by Community Link staff.
- V. Maury announced the upcoming recruitment activities:
 - Education Fair at Tyson on June 21st, June 28th and July 12th, 2012
 - Guyon Saunders Resource Center on June 22nd, 2012
 - Veteran’s Fair on July 24th, 2012
- VI. Maury updated the advisory committee on the Community Link Task Force:
 - The purpose of the Task Force will be to analyze and determine future services to be offered at Community Link. The task force exercise will last about six months.
 - The Task Force is composed of the following members: Dr. Kathryn Wetzels, Dr. Shawn Fouts, Robert Austin, Isaac Romero, Nemecio Rodriguez, Marin Rivas, Susan Stevenson, Marcy Carrasco, Nancy Brent, Rosa Carrera and Alexandra Cisneros.
- VII. Maury announced the dates to remember:
 - ESL classes begin on June 11, 2012.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned.