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Literacy Committee ♦ July 20, 2016
Mercer County Community College (JKC)

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Lynne Wise (Homefront), Gay Egan (Mercer Street Friends), Peg Gould (MCCC), Ida B. Malloy (Rescue Mission of Trenton), Jane Kleindienst (Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ), Maribel Duarte (WDB)

Guest: Mary Kearns Koplán (Talking Book & Braille Center),

- Welcome by Peg
- Review of 6/15/16 minutes
 - 1st motion to approve by Gay Egan / 2nd motion to approve by Lynne Wise;
 - Minutes approved
- Consortium update
 - First meeting was held on 7/20/16
 - NJ met every single benchmark; additional information on current PY will be provided at the September meeting
 - New consortium partner includes St. James AME Church
- Presentation by Mary Kearns-Koplán
 - Materials were provided regarding the Talking Book & Braille Center
 - Criteria for free services (books/audio, assistive technology) include being vision impaired or difficulty holding a book because of a physical impairment or having a reading disability

- Agencies can have institutional accounts with the State library
- Home service delivery available (includes free roundtrip postage)
- A selection of Spanish books currently available
- Book available for all ages beginning at infancy

- Criteria for HSE Scholarship
 - a) Agency letter
 - b) GA recipient (will MCBOSS pay for the exam?)
 - c) 80% attendance
- Peg will discuss expediency with Monica

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2016