

## PBI Task # 7

### External Assessment

October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015

Project Objective--Task #7--External Assessment--To Assess the Implementation of the Six (6) Essex County College PBI Tasks.

Contract with 1 external evaluator to assess implementation of the Essex County College PBI Formula Grant and submit preliminary and final findings.

Measure Type	Quantitative Data					
	Target			Actual Performance Data		
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### Explanation of Progress

The grant period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 began with a continued relationship with the past external evaluator--the Rutgers University John Heldrich Center for Workforce Development Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. The evaluator met with the Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer. Also the Acting VPAA/CAO, and six activity heads subsequently held a conference call with the evaluator and her supervisor to provide feedback about prior assessment and to give input about assessment going forward. However the evaluator went out on maternity leave and her supervisor sent an email stating that the Heldrich Center could not do any additional work for Essex County College at the time. Thus, during the Spring 2015 semester a new external evaluator had to be found, briefed, met with (first with the Acting VPAA/CAO, and then with the six activity heads), and subsequently recommended for contracting by the Acting VPAA/CAO and approved by the Board of Trustees. Therefore the external assessment is still currently being completed.

The replacement external evaluator is Dr. Deborah Hecht who is Senior Evaluator and Project Director at The Center for Advanced Study in Education, City University of New York Graduate Center. She earned a PhD in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Psychoeducational Measurement, Research and Evaluation, at New York University. Dr. Hecht has assessed numerous projects funded by NSF, US-DOE, LSA, NY-SED, NJ-DOE, William T Grant Foundation, and Jumpstart. Dr. Hecht has also managed grants of up to \$1.2M using both qualitative and quantitative methods. Dr. Hecht again met with the Acting

VPAA/CAO and current activity heads one-on-one in January 2016 and obtained and discussed their activities, progress, challenges, assessment, ideas for going forward, and their annual reports. Dr. Hecht also reviewed the activity heads' PBI evidence binders.