



ADDICTION COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Friday, October 4, 2013
1:00-3:00 PM
Hannah Hall 120

Members Present: Lynette Tracy, Committee Chair, Lifeline Connections; Chris Thompson, Vice Chair, VOA; Sandi Kendrick, Clark County Public Health; Laurie Ellett, Helping Professionals; Roberta Morgan, Western Psychological Services; Josh Barrett, Western Psychological Services; and Helen MacArthur, who sat in for member Sybil Iverson

Members Absent: Don Wissusik, MA, MS, LPC, Kaiser Permanente; Sybil Iverson, Cowlitz Tribal Treatment; Kami McKinsey, Daybreak Youth Treatment

Clark College: Dr. Marcia Roi, Professor, Addiction Counseling Ed.; Jim Jensen, Instructor; Catherine Kroll, Professor; Miles Jackson, Dean, Social Science & Fine Arts; Andreana DiGiorgio, Secretary Sr., Advisory Committees

Committee Chair Lynette Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. with introductions. Two new members were introduced: Jared Sanford, CEO of Lifeline Connections, and Ed Febish, and intern counselor at Columbia River Mental Health and graduate of the ACED program.

Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the June 7, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Director/Division Chair Report:

Dr. Marcia Roi began her report by telling the committee members that although the baccalaureate degree has been put on hold, she would like to do a 3-year pilot study. Marcia said she's been in touch with Bellevue College as they already have a BAS program in development. She said the 3-year pilot would include Bellevue College teaching their BAS here at Clark. There would be a cohort of 20 students and when they complete the program they will have a degree from Bellevue College. Marcia will continue to teach at Clark but she will also be employed by Bellevue College while she teaches some of the classes. She reported that Bellevue has already set aside funding for her to help write curriculum. She is hoping for a fall 2014 start date. Marcia offered that her contact, Paul Weatherly could come speak with the committee if they wanted.

There was some discussion on where the trustees stand on the BAS. Marcia said that it doesn't appear that the trustees understand what is going on in the community as far as addiction is concerned. Two students in the Addiction Counselor Education program, Sean Chavez and Jimmy Evans, attended trustee meetings to present issues in our community which include that drug and alcohol problems are high and there are not enough counselors to go around. Marcia asked the committee members if any of them would be willing to attend a trustee meeting and make a statement about the needs of the community regarding treatment. Sandi Kendrick stated that Clark County Public Health exchanged over 1 million needles last year and another board member said that Lifeline Connections supports 3500 patients per year. Catherine Kroll reported that the Board of Health website keeps crashing because too many people are looking for help with their addictions. Advisory

committee guest Helen MacArthur of Cowlitz Tribal Treatment said they've recently started an adolescent program in Vancouver. She said they currently have adolescence programs in both Longview and Tukwila. Marcia said the needs of the community are clear but doesn't think the trustees know the needs of the community. Dean Miles Jackson said that the trustees would like to hear from the community and that public statements are done at the beginning of each meeting. The schedule of the Board of Trustees meetings and committee member presentations is as follows:

- Jared Sanford and Lynette Tracy will attend the October trustee meeting;
- Sandi and Catherine can possibly attend the trustee meeting in November;
- Laurie Ellett said she'd like to attend the December trustee meeting where she will talk about the integration of mental health and addiction;
- Ed Febish will attend and speak at the January meeting; and
- Roberta Morgan will speak at the February trustee meeting.

Work Plan

The 2013-14 work plan was discussed. The committee agreed to delete all work plan items and to add three new items as follows:

The committee agreed to add "***Advocacy to the Board of Trustees—Needs of the community***" to the work plan. At this time Laurie Ellett mentioned that more racial diversity is needed in counselors in Clark County. She added that bilingual needs are huge. Marcia said that maybe advertising the program in local minority newspapers might bring in minority students.

Jim Jensen said that there is a problem with student retention and having a mentorship program would be helpful to the students who need help with staying on course. A decision to add "***Explore adding a Recruitment & Retention Specialist***" to the work plan was made. Miles said the Nursing Department has a successful retention program with a Nursing Retention Specialist who works with the students. He said he will get Marcia the job description of the position. He added that he will advocate for this new position for the ACED program.

Also added to the work plan was "***Advocacy for a Field Placement Scholarship.***" Marcia said enrollment is up with 300 students currently. Miles offered to follow up with the Foundation regarding scholarships.

Ed Febish thought it would be a good idea to make American Psychological Association (APA) mandatory within the program. He also reported that a lack of computer skills is a detriment to being hired. Jim Jensen followed up by saying that the advisors recommend BTEC classes to the students who say they have little or no computer skills.

New Business

Election of officers. Lynette agreed to be re-elected as committee chair. A motion was made and the vote carried unanimously. Chris Thompson agreed to be re-elected as committee vice chair. A motion was made and the vote was carried unanimously. This will be a two year term.

Next Meeting Date:

The committee agreed that the next meeting will be Friday, January 17, 2014 at 1 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.