



DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Monday, January 26, 2015
6:00 pm--8:00 pm
Health Sciences Center, Room 139

Members Present: Kramer Ragan, Committee Chair, RDH; Ann Gilbert, University of Washington; Melody Scheer, RDH, New Day Com. Dental Clinic; Jana Sarkkinen, RDH, Rose Family Dental; Dr. Steven Hokett, Salmon Creek Periodontics; Dr. Michael Rue, Minnehaha Family Dentistry; Dr. Peter Lubisich, Vancouver Pediatric Dentistry; Kelly Venetucci, RDH, Willamette Dental; Kaili Rutkowski, Dr. Laws; Dr. Russell G. Church

Members Absent: Trisha Simcox, Vice Chair, Dr. Pete Lubisich; Dr. David Fitch, Retired Dentist; Dr. David Swan, Retired Dentist; Dr. Richard Mielke, Retired Dentist

Clark College: Brenda Walstead, RDH, Director, Dental Hygiene; Dental Hygiene Instructors Becky Herman, Kristi Taylor, Michael Ludwig, Bobbi Mash; Marci Wedemeyer, Instructional Tech; Dawn Stetler, Secretary Lead; Blake Bowers, Dean, Business & Health Sciences; Shelley Ostermiller, Associate Director, Advising Services; Andreana DiGiorgio, Secretary Sr., Advisory Committees

Committee Chair Kramer Ragan called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the October 6, 2014 meeting minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Office of Instruction

Andreana reminded the members that the College has planned its annual advisory member recognition breakfast on March 18, 2015 from 7:30—9:00 a.m. Blake added that regional economist Scott Bailey will be guest speaker and will give an economic report on the state of Washington and also our region. Andreana asked the members to please RSVP if they plan to attend.

Director/Division Chair Report

Brenda announced that they received approval from NWCCU for the bachelor's degree. Start in summer the students who graduate in 2016 will be able to go on to obtain their bachelor's degree.

Remodel. Have completed most of the waiting room. Pictures will be going up on the wall donated by Dr. Gilbert. Very grateful for the donation. The new wall can open up to make one very large room.

NW Educators' Meeting. Clark College Dental Hygiene is hosting this year. May 15 & 16. Looking for donations. a-dec and Proctor & Gamble both donated \$1000. These vendors will also have tables at the event. Greg Hinckley from Central Seattle College will be there as well. Blake announced that Director Walstead is hosting a meeting tomorrow to begin inter-professional education within the unit. There has been a lot of research that proves inter-professional education is very effective.

Dental Assisting Program. Brenda asked if there is a need for a dental assisting program in our area. Dr. Lubisich says there are currently no good, local dental assisting programs. He would hire from Clark before

anywhere else. Melody Scheer hired a Clark student when there was still a program and she is awesome. Blake asked what entry level wage. Average entry level wage is \$14-\$15. According to a market analysis there is no need for dental assistants in this area but a few of the members are looking for assistants who know what they're doing. Dr. Lubisich and Dr. Rue said good assistants are hard to find. Brenda said there is a great opportunity to use them to assist current students. Blake said we can investigate a dental assisting program and the dentists said there is a need for a quality program. Dr. Church said that Clark students would be first in line for jobs. Blake said it could be a 1-year program; fast, good, and cheap. Clark College will probably be cheaper than other programs. More discussion took place about assisting programs, job market, and quality of local programs. *Dr. Hockett made a motion to support research and develop a committee/task force to research a dental assisting program by next meeting. Dr. Lubisich seconded the motion. All in favor and approved.*

Children's Dental Health Day. Coming up on February 7, 2015. So far there are 76 patients signed up and it looks to be ahead of schedule compared to last year. Melody Scheer's public health student group and nurses are spreading the word. We do ask where they found out about the event. Brenda said Clark posted a Columbian ad and it's also on the reader board. The patient cap is 150. Last year about 160 were screened and they treated only 87. All the Kaiser dental offices are doing a sealant event the same day however, our event offers an exam, cleaning, *and* sealants. Brenda mentioned that Clark does not take Medicaid. Dr. Lubisich asked why not and the answer was that we just have never taken it. The consensus was that we should start taking Medicaid, now more than ever, and it offers 100% reimbursement. Could be a profitable situation. There would be a higher no show rate with Medicaid patients so would have to make it strict.

2014-15 Work Plan

Kramer said she and Brenda went through the work plan and updated the committee and progress of items. A couple of highlights from Kramer:

- Still looking for donors/fundraising ideas to keep the new clinic upkeep.
- Typodonts had been approved and they are now here.
- Will continue to review the dental hygiene program.

For a complete copy of the work plan visit <http://www.clark.edu/advisory/dh/index.php>.

Dr. Hockett asked when the next accreditation will take place. Brenda said in two years and happens every seven. She added that they are beginning the work now, ahead of time. Blake said they had to have everything in line for the approval of the BAS so the program is in good shape for accreditation.

Old Business

Kramer spoke about the bylaws and attendance suggestions. Previous discussion was never agreed upon. Dr. Hockett suggested that anyone who is missing meetings should receive a phone call from someone from the committee who is familiar with the member. Dr. Lubisich and Ann Gilbert agreed. *Dr. Lubisich made a motion to call inactive members to find out their level of commitment. If no response we can move them to honorary member. The motion was seconded and all were in favor to add this to the bylaws.*

New Business

Shelley Ostermiller gave an update on new applicants. The application deadline is January 8, 2015. So far there are 113 applications which is a great number of applicants. So far 62 applicants have been evaluated and meet all the requirements. Shelley and her team have 51 that they're still working through. Brenda commended Shelley and the advising department on all their hard work and said they are so very helpful to the Dental Hygiene program and its students. Dr. Hockett asked if we are interviewing as part of the application process. Brenda said she spoke to

other colleges and found that interviews are not necessarily an important part of the process. Some colleges do interviews and some don't. However, applicants are ranked by a point system and the criteria has changed. The outcomes are working as is.

Next Meeting Date

The committee agreed to meet again Monday, June 8, 2015 at 6 p.m. *As of this writing the meeting has been moved to October 5, 2015.*

Kramer adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Andreana DiGiorgio