



HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm
Meeting Location: Zoom Online (Audio/Video)

Members Present:

April Andrews, Merryl Blatnik, Karin LaValla, Chasity Palacios (Chair), Emily Strahan, Donna York

New Members Present:

Members Absent: Manuel Galaviz, Marcy Gilchrist, Lori Lucente, Julie McKim, Sean Moore, Virddie Schrei

Clark College: Patricia Atkinson, Heather King, Olga Lyubar, Janine Rieck

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The previous minutes were not available and will be reviewed at a later meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will next meet on **Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m.**

COLLEGE UPDATES

- The contract for the interim Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Jim Wilkins-Luton, has been extended through the end of December. The hiring process to fill the position is expected to happen during the fall term.
- We are currently in the hiring process for the Dean of Business and Health Sciences. The decision should be finalized this term, as well as the Dean for Basic Education, English, Communications, and Humanities (BEECH).
- The state legislature and federal governments just wrapped up the budget. The college president lobbied for financial support along with the state senators and representatives and was very successful. There will be a significant amount of funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.
- The Board of Trustees approved our equity-focused strategic plan. There has been significant improvement in diversity in terms of administration. Faculty diversity is in the mid-20%. The staff is lower, but the hiring process is different.
- The College is working to align the other plans - enrollment plan, academic plan, and the social equity plan with the strategic plan.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Healthcare Camp

- The healthcare camp is at Clark June 21-23.
- There are currently 103 middle and high school students registered for the camp, which has exceeded our target number of 80.
- All the allied health programs are participating, so the students can learn about the different healthcare careers they can pursue at Clark.
- If any of you would like to have a table/booth for this event, let Olga know. The date/times would be June 23rd, 10:15-11:15 a.m. and 2:15-3:15 pm.

HIM CLUB

- The Health Information Management Club just launched.
- The first meeting was both in person and on Zoom with guest speaker, Emily Strahan.
- The club officers want to focus on career development for current students as well as supporting current students in their coding journeys. They think coding tutoring is lacking at Clark and want to formulate a way to provide support for current students. If you have any ideas or want to support in any way, let Janine and Olga know.
- They also want to be community centered. Members will be at the healthcare camp helping in the HIM Escape Room on the 21st.
- The students will also start fundraising to help with and be able to plan their graduation ceremonies.

CAHIIM

- The paperwork for accreditation through CAHIIM has been submitted.

AOE Assembly on Education Symposium

- Olga and Janine will be attending this symposium in July.

AAT Student Graduation

- The AAT students will be graduating in August after they complete their internships this summer.
- Invitations will be sent out to this advisory committee.

Internships

- Olga will be reaching out to facilities in the coming weeks as internship placements will start on July 10th.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

The Public Health Emergency was officially declared over on May 11, 2023. This has had a profound impact on telehealth, coding, etc., and on those that may have had Medicaid, which they have now lost, but hopefully transitioned to something else. This does affect marginalized students and the community at large.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.