



**MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM
T-Building, Room 101**

Members Present: Diane Buelt, Committee Chair, Legacy Health; Debbie Mansell, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center; Heather Cassavoy, PeaceHealth Southwest; Cynthia Falkenhagen, RT, Vancouver Radiologists; Ian Shupe, Providence Portland; Loyal Betschart, PeaceHealth SW; Rhonda Meyers, Lower Columbia College; Jenny Baker, Legacy Mt. Hood Medical Center

Members Absent: Providence Centralia Hospital; Erik Kilgore, MD, Vancouver Radiologists; Cathy Darrah, PeaceHealth St. Johns

Clark College: Debra Ortiz, Director of Allied Health; Jenefer King, MRAD Instructor; John Fritz, MRAD Student in the Program; Blake Bowers, Dean, Business & Health Sciences; Dedra Daehn, Director of Academic Services; Andreana DiGiorgio, Advisory Committee Coordinator

Committee Chair, Diane Buelt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Introductions were made and new committee member, Don Anderson, Director of Medical Imaging at Adventist Medical Center, was introduced.

Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to approve the October 24, 2013 minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Office of Instruction/Advisory Committee Business

Director of Allied Health, Debbie Ortiz, passed around the roster, asking the members to take a look at their “employer/employee representation” boxes. She then asked everyone if they had any questions from the committee member training. No one had questions. Dean Blake Bowers joined the meeting and was introduced to new member Don Anderson.

Director Report

Debbie started out by saying that she walked by the tree planted by the 2012 graduating class, and said it looks really healthy and is beautiful. She told the members where the tree is located in case they wanted to take a look at it.

Work Plan

Review results from employer survey. Debbie told the committee that the suggestion to send out the employer survey again was very helpful. She said 13 responses came in; last time only 3 were received back. She said there were good results, which reflects on the instructors and clinical staff too. She said that tardiness and personal hygiene were mentioned and said that some of these comments could have been on the same student. They looked through the survey and Debbie showed a graph that indicated overall the students were well prepared for employment.

Diane Buelt asked why this time it was more successful and Debbie said that the surveys were sent to technologists. Next, Heather Cassavoy asked about cell phone use. Diane asked if Clark College has a policy on cell phone use in the classrooms and Jenny King explained that her policy is very strict. In some cases she asks students to get their cell phones out to look something up, but otherwise, the phones are turned off.

Identify and contact additional clinical sites. Debbie updated the committee on clinical sites. She said that the Vancouver Clinic and Vancouver Radiology currently don't have any room for more students. She said Ocean Beach Hospital was not able to take any students, Grays Harbor doesn't want any students right now. She will keep checking with them. She said she did get Shriner's Hospital, who received approval from JRCERT. She reminded the members that JRCERT has to approve new intern sites. She said she's waiting to hear back from Providence Hood River, Oregon, who may be able to take two students. Jenny Baker suggested Mason General Hospital in Shelton, WA, on HWY 101 northwest of Olympia. Debbie said she could check with them. Jenny Baker added that in mid-May there is a quarterly meeting in Bellevue, Washington. Many administrators from different medical sites will be there and this may be a good place to recruit new sites. Jenny said she is attending this meeting. Debbie said she'd talk to Jenny about this.

Equipment plan. Debbie said she has put in the grant proposals for the phantoms the committee approved and some of the amounts were a bit different after looking at the quotes for the phantoms. She said she put in a grant proposal for a new digital room and are waiting to hear back on the requests. Diane asked if Foundation funds are the only source of equipment funding. Debbie said there is another source of funding but wants to wait and see what the Foundation may approve and if need be, they can request from the other source. She reminded the committee that the priorities were phantoms first and then the digital room next. Debbie added that there were priorities within the phantoms. Diane asked if we have secured a C-arm. Debbie said yes, and said they've also received an upgrade on the GE Centricity software. She's hoping to hear back on the proposals in May.

Loyal asked if there is a budget on tubes, in case they go out. He asked how they would be replaced. Blake said that since we do not purchase warranties, he is sure there could be funds to replace them right away. Blake added that he would like the committee to look at the equipment list on an ongoing basis.

Review mission, goals and vision statement. Debbie told the committee that JRCERT requires that they review both the mission (purpose) statements and vision every year. Diane asked the committee if they still feel right. After reviewing the statements, Don Anderson said he liked them and asked how the program teaches compassionate care. Jenny King said it's taught throughout the program. John Fritz explained that there are patient care segments and they cover different patient care scenarios. Diane asked if there are any other questions or comments and there were none. *A motion was made to keep the statements as they are. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.*

Vision 2020/strategic plan. Blake Bowers took this agenda item. He said Clark College will be on the precipice of announcing a North County building, probably in Ridgefield. He said the building will house all the Allied Health programs except Dental Hygiene, which recently had a complete facility overhaul. He said the size of the new building will be about the same size as Columbia Tech Center, approximately 70K square feet and three floors. He said the Medical Radiography program can basically design their facility and wants the committee to think about what a learning environment for MRAD should look like. Diane asked if Clark has a vision for

4-year degrees. Blake said that Dental Hygiene will be the first to be approved for a baccalaureate degree and added that within the next month they should be receiving approval on the first bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene. He added that a Business Administration Baccalaureate (BAS) degree is also in the works and they're awaiting approval on this one as well. He said Bellevue College currently has a bachelor's degree in Medical Radiography. Blake said several other BA degrees at Clark have been started and said that it took a long time to obtain support from the board for this vision. Dan asked how long the process takes and Blake said at least two years. Diane thought this is a good idea and the committee agreed. Don added that CT and MRAD technology is getting more challenging and people will need more and more education. Blake asked the committee if they would discuss the new learning environment at the next advisory meeting and this can be an ongoing conversation in preparation for the MRAD facility at the north county location.

JCER accreditation. Debbie told the committee that she is in receipt of the finalized agenda for the JRCERT site visit. Debbie said first they will have an introductory meeting at the college with President Knight, Dean Blake Bowers, Dr. Tim Cook, the Vice President of Instruction, and Jenny and Debbie. They will then go on a campus tour to look at admissions, financial aid, counseling services, and the library, and then come back to meet with Jenny and Debbie and look at the lab and classrooms. Debbie said they will also interview students. She said they'll have lunch with the clinical instructors. They will go visit PeaceHealth SW Medical Center, The Vancouver Clinic, and Vancouver Radiology. She said they will come back on Monday to look at the master plan, assessment plan, radiation dosimetry plan, affiliation agreement, due process procedures and other documents. Debbie said the next day they will visit Legacy Salmon Creek and then come back and meet once again with her and Jenny. They will be working with a report of findings and the official report of findings will go to a board for final approval. Debbie said the site visit is scheduled for May 12 and 13, 2014. She said that they will hopefully be awarded approval by October.

Old Business

MRAD outcomes and assessments. Debbie handed out an outcomes and assessment update and said the students did well.

Debbie showed the members the MRAD website. She went through the program effectiveness measures and results. She said the JRCERT looks at the job placement rate for the 2008-2012 graduates. Debbie Mansell asked how soon after graduation do the surveys go out and Debbie said usually six months. Jenny Baker would like to see what kind of employment the grads received, i.e. per diem, full time benefited, p/t benefited, etc. included in these. Don asked what the national benchmark is and Debbie said it's 75% and we are doing better than that.

Debbie Ortiz wanted to talk about tattoo policies. She said that Adventist has the highest standard and that is no tattoos can be visible. Cynthia mentioned that Vancouver Radiologists also has that policy. Debbie said that this is what the MRAD program goes by. Diane thought it is best that Clark go by the highest standard.

Sarah Weinberger announced the Healthcare Careers Job Fair. She said this year it will be at Clark's main campus and will take place in the PUB Union Building, room 258 on May 20, 2014 from 11 am – 3 pm. She handed out flyers and said that the booths will have medical vendors of all health related positions, front and back office. She also told the committee about "Penguin Jobs," Clark College's Online Job Board. She said that it is a free job posting board.

Continuation of Operations Planning (COOP). Diane said that the committee as a whole should support Clark in an emergency. Blake thought we need more than a goodwill gesture and would like to continue the conversation.

New Business

Election of vice chair. Because John Ferguson has taken a new job and has resigned from the committee, a new vice chair needed to be elected. After some discussion, Jenny Baker was nominated. *A motion was made to elect Jenny Baker as the new vice chair. The nomination was seconded and voted in unanimously.*

Jenny Baker asked if Clark has thought about offering a medical ultrasound program. Someone asked where there are sonography programs and committee members said that Bellevue College, OIT, Spokane, Tacoma Community College all have a program. They noticed that there are none in the Portland area. Blake said it would have to be a standalone program. He asked if the committee would like Clark to explore options. He thought to partner with one of the current colleges would be a good idea, particularly Bellevue College. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Diane summarized the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next advisory meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.