



ADDICTION COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, June 10th, 2022 * 11.30am-1.00pm
Zoom Online

Members Present Lynette Tracy (Committee Chair), Lifeline Connections; Ken Burton (Vice Chair), Lifestance Health; Laurie Ellett, Helping Professionals Wellness Center; Denice Hurley, Cowlitz Tribal Treatment; Sean Moore, Workforce SW;

Members Absent: Mariele Balasbas, Boys and Girls Club; Rebecca Bradley, Rainier Springs; Vince Collins, Recovery Café; Aaron J. Larson, American Behavioral Health Systems; Sebastian Molfa, Columbia River Mental Health Services; Katie Moore, Daybreak Youth Services;

Clark College: Marcia Roi, Department Head; Chris Thompson, Clark County/Instructor/Advisor; Jim Jensen, Instructor; Michele Volk, Interim Dean; Tasaday Turner, Advising; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 14th, 2022 via Zoom.

PROVIDER CHECK IN

- Lynette Tracey: Concerns with staff turnover. Mental health is getting back on its feet. Zoom groups are full but in person is difficult to fill. Hoping to onboard students with internships in July, and it is appreciated that one person is overseeing the internships.
- Laurie Ellett: Bulk of groups being telehealth, with exception to domestic violence. The result of face to face has been a reduction by almost half. Staff turnover is problematic as well.
- Denise Hurley: Started MAT (Medical Assisted Treatment) program this month. Day groups are in person, and evenings still through telehealth. Starting July 11th, all groups will be in person.
- Ken Burton: Adjustment period still happening as they transition from Western Psychological Services. They have a new facility in Camas. Not certain what placement, for field placement if any, is available. They will let Marcia know.
- Chris Thompson: Things are going well, still building numbers back up. Classes are filling up as well, with an average of 17-18 out of 25.

- Jim Jensen: Discussed remote and online pharmacology course option in the future. Getting more funding for STD related services, including assisted outpatient services that is in collaboration between treatment and the justice system.
- Sean Moore: There is still funding available for qualifying students. WSW has funding available for employers to assist in covering onboarding costs for 16 weeks as well as wage reimbursement up to 50% of the wages. There are also paid internships available for those who qualify for Workforce

INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

The Vice President of Instruction is now fulltime. Previous Dean of SOFA (Miles Jackson) is retiring June 30th. The college is very low of Covid numbers, so expecting further rollout of face-to-face components for the fall. Michelle is stepping back to Child and Family Studies Department in the fall.

Advising services has a new Director, Emily Mayo. The position now oversees both advising and career services. Advising has both virtual and in person; however, majority of students use virtual. Marcia noted that she would like to see more students who did not get into nursing join the BASHS and ACED program as an alternative path.

Marcia discussed the current state of the programs. Noted there is a transition for students both behaviorally and academically for students who are coming back into the classroom from online. BASHS is holding courses with only 6 to 9 students and not sure why this is occurring. The marketing department is overwhelmed as well, so Marcia is going to do research in how to reach potential students. There are a lot of field placements as well. There is a need for more Mental Health Advisory members.

WACASE PROPOSAL FOR TIERED NAADAC CREDENTIALING

Met about the legislation regarding apprenticeships that allow for material to be taught on sight, reducing the need for programs. Like Oregon, there is a need for employers to agree with this. To resolve this, petitioning the state to conduct a statewide sunrise review of stakeholders to see if there is supported to move toward the tiered system. Discussion was had regarding this, with the DOH such as the impact to salary.

WACASE PROPOSAL TO DOH TO ELIMINATE 90 CREDIT RULE

The hope is to eliminate the 90-credit rule. Currently 45 of the credits is ACED is all that is needed to sit for the SUDP exam as a student they could take the rest of the courses in ANY courses they wish, for example they could do 45 PE credits and still sit for the test. DOH advisory board voted to pass it unanimously. The result will require a 2-year degree to sit for the exam.

BHSS CREDENTIAL WITH UW

Marica received a call from Bill O'Connell regarding the Balmer group. This group has donated enough money for 415 statewide full ride scholarships to create a behavioral health support specialist credential at the bachelor's level. The 2019 Sunrise review done statewide asked if there was a desire

for credentialing and the answer was overwhelmingly yes. Marica has joined the committee to work on the curriculum. There will be some revision of the labeling of our ACED skills class to make it 200 level. For BASHS the goal is to put in a Gerontology certificate.

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