



ACED-MINUTES
Friday, May 3rd, 2024, at Noon.
HHL 119

Members Present: Sean Moore, Lynette Tracy, Bethany Neal, Elizabeth Lorenzo, Vince Collins, Laurie Ellet, Heather Talbott

Guests: Nichole Vandel

Members Absent: Ken Burton, Kristopher Chew, Sesany Fennie-Jones, Anne Willis, Karin LaValla

Clark College: Sarah Blanchette, Elizabeth Flores, Karah Jordan, Chris Thompson, Don Ludwig, Aly Gray

The meeting began at 12:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on November 1st, 2024.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on February 23rd, 2024, have been approved.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sarah led a brainstorming discussion about the ACED program's strengths and challenges. This prompted a discussion about the community's needs, gap areas, and future goals for the program.

CHALLENGES

Sean noted the importance of sharing the program's impact story with the community.

Bethany advocates for providing students in the community with more leadership opportunities, such as training in the use of Narcan.

Vince noted the challenges faced by the family and youth.

Laurie noted co-occurring disorders, prescribers, and healthcare.

Aly noted that peers working outside their scope due to the lack of a workforce creates burnout.

Sean noted there is a lack of intern data and demographics.

STRENGTHS OF ACED

Bethany noted the compassion from students.

Laurie mentioned that supportive staff members make internships go more smoothly.

Aly noticed that students share their professional and personal experiences in a valuable educational manner.

Karah stated students have a wealth of knowledge.

GOALS

Vince emphasized more BIPOC services and support for the deaf population.

Sarah would like paid field placements and more funding to develop students by attending conferences, etc.

Laurie emphasized the importance of students' ability to bill.

Bethany noted improving the license approval time with the Department of Health.

Karah suggested providing more assistance with obtaining SUDP-T since many people are unaware of how to sign up for it.

GAPS OF AREA

Aly noticed an area of student understanding of professional pathways, such as how to become an LPC, LCSW, CADAC, SUDP, and more.

Lynette noted a lack of knowledge of how insurance works.

Chris noted a lack of knowledge of treatment planning and teaching recovery skills.

Sean noted the regional workforce convening, which included employers, education, community partners, and the workforce to assign funding, create career pathways, and support students.

Vince noted a lack of support and resources for the BIPOC and deaf community.

NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY

Karah noted information in High School potential for running start kids.

Gaby noted youth-specific resources.

Aly emphasized crisis stabilization and detox.

Aly noted MAT/MOUD in corrections.

Laurie noted agency collaborations and provider strategies to work together on training, resources, and community planning.

Chris noted more mental health treatment options.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lynette motioned to elect Laurie as the committee chair and Vince as the vice chair. The committee motioned and approved the election of officers.

BYLAWS

The committee reviewed the current bylaws. Laurie motioned to approve the bylaws. Vince seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved the bylaws.

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INDUSTRY FEEDBACK

Sean suggested bringing Workforce development teams to collaborate on the program's strengths, challenges, and pathways and strategize where the Workforce can help.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores