



Addictions Counseling -MINUTES
November 1st, 2024, at 12:00 PM
HHL 119

Members Present: Vince Collins (Committee Chair), Executive Director, Recovery Café of Clark County; Sean Moore, Business Solutions Consultant, Workforce Vancouver; Anne Willis, Chief Clinical Officer, Columbia River Mental Health Services; Heather Talbott, Program Director, Lifeline Connections; Laurie Ellett (Vice-Chair), CEO, Helping Professionals Wellness Center, Karin LaValla, Business Support Team, WorkSource Vancouver

Guests: De Spidle, BA SUDP, Starting Point Vancouver

Members Absent: Ken Burton, SUDP, Life Stance Health Oregon; Elizabeth Lorenzo, Clinical Supervisor, Lifeline Connections

Labor Representative: Labor recruitment attempted

Clark College: Sarah Blanchette, Department Chair, Clark College; Kathrena Halsinger, Interim Dean of SOFA, Clark College; Chris Thompson, Advisor, Clark College; Aly Gray, Instructor, Clark College; Don Ludwig, Sociology Dept. Chair/Behavioral Sciences Division Chair, Clark College; Jim Jenson, Instructor, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College; Nichole Vandel, BASHS Student, Clark College

The meeting began at 12:08 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on Friday, February 7th, 2025 & Friday, May 2nd, 2025

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on May 3rd, 2024, were approved.

ETHICS TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Committee Ethics Training.

ORIENTATION TRAINING

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Orientation Training.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Kathrena shared recent developments regarding a gender-based violence prevention program and the establishment of a women's shelter within the DEI office at the College.

Kathrena shared that enrollment has increased and the College is seeing more in-person classes.

Kathrena shared that the College has welcomed Dr. Terry Brown as the new Vice President of Instruction.

Kathrena shared that Sarah Blanchette won the Faculty Excellence Award.

Don shared improvements with in-person classes and the success of the bachelor-level programs at the College.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sarah shared that the behavioral board inquired about the ACED program. Sarah was asked to present at Mt. Hood Community College and participate in their advisory.

Sarah shared that some students received compensation of a \$1,000 stipend each quarter to take their field placement. This assists with travel, time off work, and bills. The program would like to see more paid field placements.

ACED Work Plan Development Discussion

Sarah opened the discussion of the 2024-25 work plan and welcomed committee feedback and input.

Sarah discussed the program's purpose, mission, and professional goals.

Sarah discussed the program's affordable degree and pathways to SUD-P certification.

Sarah proposed expanding the program into daytime classes and welcomed feedback.

Action Item: The work plan will be further developed and reviewed at the winter meeting.

Certifications

Sarah noted that she is preparing students to work with substance use and persistent mental health conditions since they are increasingly becoming needed.

Sarah displayed the program degree worksheet and pathways available.

Sarah discussed the opioid and fentanyl crisis has created streamlined pathways and could cause more harm within the community. The committee discussed safety risks and ethical violations.

Karin asked how the specific program applies to the workforce and specifically job titles.

Laurie asked if master's degree students need to take all the ACED classes.

Sarah noted a streamlined program for students with master's degrees for SUD-P.

Jim advises students to cross-reference with the Department of Health for accuracy.

Sarah discussed developing a certificate of completion with a few core classes. This could help the program and update the State with fewer dropouts.

Anne is in favor of the certification of completion since a lot of clinicians are interested in SUD-P.

De Spidle is in favor of the development of a certification.

Heather asked members from SeaMar member would be beneficial.

Sean recommended representation from Legacy and PeaceHealth.

Members from Lifeline, Recovery Village, and Helping Professionals are in support of the certificate of proficiency of completion for master students.

Major Area (ACED) Required Courses

Sarah displayed the required specialized population courses and the subject matter expertise development and advanced learning criteria.

Sarah discussed the requirements of field placements and student success stories.

Heather asked if the program is incorporating the ASAM development in the courses.

Sarah shared that Jim received approval to train the instructors on ASAM developments.

Program Data

Sarah displayed the 2024 student graduates' data, as well as the students who were accepted into the BASHS program.

Sarah discussed issues and challenges facing the ACED program such as:

- Increasing demand for remote and online classes.
- Paid field placements.
- Apprenticeship certification (DOH)
- New ASAM
- Considering daytime classes to attract a younger demographic.
- Develop a professional certification track for master's level clinicians.

Industry Feedback

Jim noted the benefits of synchronous classes.

Nichole noted that in-person classes help with client and community interaction.

Heather noted a barrier for working professionals if the program would like to incorporate daytime classes.

Updates from the Department of Health

Sarah received confirmation from The Department of Health that they are allowing agency-connected individuals without educational foundation to receive their SUD-P as a response to the drug crisis.

ASAM Developments

Sarah discussed a plan for the new ASAM developments. Jim may be conducting paid training for professors.

ASAM Industry Feedback

Vince is in favor of teaching the new ASAM.

Nichole recommends teaching the new ASAM.

Heather recommends reviewing the new ASAM.

Sean recommends reviewing the professional certification track.

Nichole recommends reviewing the apprenticeship certification track (DOH)

Jim prepares students clinically and ethically for how often people are in crisis, so the certification track is imperative for harm reduction.

Anne discussed the new teaching clinics and working in something tied to that down the line.

Kathrena discussed Career Launch would help with funding.

Karin shared grant funding opportunities to support tuition, paid internships, on-the-job training, and other incentives. Please reach out to Karin for further details.

VOTES

Karin motioned to add to the bylaws, a proxy member will contribute to the committee quorum.

Vince seconded, and all unanimously approved.

Sean motioned to change Article One Section Six in the bylaws to, a quorum will consist of four appointed members, Karin seconded, and all unanimously approved.

Industry Announcements

Karin discussed an opportunity for students regarding a recent grant aimed at Black, Latinx, or Tribal small business owners.

Jim discussed Washington State developments for incarcerated folks in support of billing Medicaid for mental health, case management, or medication management.

Laurie shared that HPWC has a contract for folks who are on housing essential needs that need benefit planning and job prep.

Sean shared that he is working with the Department of Commerce for more family-friendly workforce initiatives. This includes benefits for family care that fit the needs of job seekers.

Vince shared recent developments at the Recovery Café where they will be creating a teen space for kids and teens needing additional support.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM