



ACED -MINUTES
February 7, 2025, at 12:00 PM
Clark College Hannah Hall Room 119

Members Present: Laurie Ellett (Committee-Chair), CEO, Helping Professionals Wellness Center, Karin LaValla, Business Support Team, WorkSource Vancouver; Heather Talbott, Program Director, Lifeline Connections, De Spidle, BA SUDP, Starting Point Vancouver

Guests:

Members Absent: Vince Collins (Vice-Chair), Executive Director, Recovery Café of Clark County; Sean Moore, Business Solutions Consultant, Workforce Vancouver; Ken Burton, SUDP, Life Stance Health Oregon; Elizabeth Lorenzo, Clinical Supervisor, Lifeline Connections; Anne Willis, Chief Clinical Officer, Columbia River Mental Health Services; Bethany Neal, Clinical Director, Recovery Village Ridgefield

Labor Representative: Labor recruitment attempted

Clark College: Sarah Blanchette, Department Chair, Clark College; Kathrena Halsinger, Interim Dean of SOFA, Clark College; Don Ludwig, Sociology Dept. Chair/Behavioral Sciences Division Chair, Clark College; Christina Anderson, Adjunct Instructor/Program Director, Clark College, Volunteers of America; Chris Thompson, Advisor, Clark College; Jim Jenson, Instructor, Clark College

The meeting began at 12:11 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on May 2nd, 2025

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on November 1st, 2024, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Introductions were made.

Kathrena shared that a reorganization is occurring within the College, it's unclear which model will be chosen, and currently, they are in a feedback loop. Kathrena shared that she will most likely remain as the interim Dean of SOFA for one more year.

Kathrena noted that the ACED program will remain in the Behavioral Health Sciences unit and welcomed members to write a letter of support if they are in favor of this decision.

Kathrena shared that the College is searching for new music and art history professors.

Kathrena shared the great efforts and support Sarah has provided for the program.

Kathrena announced that after a statement of support from faculty affirming the College's commitment to transgender individuals, the College released an official statement listing resources and dedication to support.

Kathrena shared that Boschma Farms will open its doors for the Advanced Manufacturing program during the fall of 2025.

Kathrena announced the College is trying to meet community needs and is actively working on receiving approval for the four-year Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Engineering.

Don shared he will be meeting with the Vice President of Instruction to offer Sarah additional support in the ACED & BASHS programs.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sarah discussed the ACED replacement program and shared revisions to student engagement such as incorporating weekly check-ins like clinical supervision to aid in the ongoing changes inside and outside of the classroom.

Sarah discussed recent questions that the program is working on such as, “how can we be there for the providers while maintaining support and instructing students how to be an advocate and accountable.”

Sarah noted the focus on social justice, honoring all people, and widening the doorway for access and inclusion. The program aims to teach students how to create community with professors and additionally, Sarah discussed class capacity sizes, release time, and advocacy work to protect the instructors by abiding by best practices and ethical standards.

ACED is going well and filling up.

Sarah is working on a newsletter to keep supervisors informed and up to date.

Sarah announced that the program and the Washington Center of Excellence are partnering to provide a new grant for the program that could provide student funding for childcare, rent, or other academic fees. This grant provides funding and the center of excellence is creating a low-barrier application process.

WORKPLAN

Sarah reopened the work plan discussion and welcomed committee feedback.

Professional Pathway

Sarah discussed the professional track certification of completion and the program goals to target potential students who have obtained a master's level, social work, or a mental health background and need further education. The program is interested in revising the required courses and welcomed committee feedback and comments.

Christina noted the importance of including ACED 132 for the Department of Health requirements due to the upcoming changes in the tier systems.

Jim noted that ACED 132 meets the family additions criteria. Jim recommended that folks take ACED 205 for foundational technique knowledge.

Christina is opening their behavioral health program and ACED 205 would be beneficial

Heather noted that ACED 132 is important.

Sarah discussed potentially creating a prerequisite to ACED 204 or an intro to counseling course unless the student can provide, they have taken a similar program with that knowledge.

The committee is in favor of the addition of ACED 204 to the professional pathway track.

Laurie asked how many students the program expects to take this route.

Sarah said there has been great interest and it will be a lower cost.

Sarah welcomed feedback and thoughts.

Heather is in favor of the changes in the professional track.

Chris is in favor of the changes.

Laurie asked about the internship requirements for this route.

Sarah discussed there is still an internship requirement as the Department of Health requires 1,000 hours of SUD counseling.

Sarah discussed the benefits of the professional pathway for dual licensure as folks can bill more.

De noted that dual licensure grants an individual more latitude.

Jim pointed out that billing codes need to be SUDP, making dual licensure essential.

Heather emphasized the importance of specialization.

Christina is in favor of the professional pathways track.

Facilities & Equipment

Sarah shared updates regarding the new ASAM, the need for textbook purchases, and supporting Jim in professional training with instructors. The program will need to receive approval upon reviewing the budget.

Instructional Quality & Effectiveness Goals/Paid Field Placements

Sarah discussed that the program would like to offer paid field placements. Sarah welcomed any resources that the industry members would like to share in future meetings since financial barriers are challenges for students.

Karin shared details of a current grant called ECSA that students can reach out about.

Instructional and Learning Experiences Goal

Sarah talked about the possibility of expanding the program to include daytime classes and encouraged the committee to provide their feedback.

Heather and Jim are in favor of daytime classes.

Marketing and Public Relations

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Sarah discussed that once the SUDP professional track is available the program will conduct marketing and outreach efforts.

Jim recommends marketing that existing transcripts will be accommodated.

Heather noted it is difficult to hire since those areas are still siloed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM

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