



**DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Monday, February 10, 2014**

**6:00 pm--8:00 pm**

**Health Sciences Center, Room 139**

**Members Present:** Michelle Vincent, Committee Chair, Laws Family Dentistry; Kramer Ragan, Vice Chair, RDH, Ann Gilbert, University of Washington; Kim Milne, DDS, Family Health Center, Longview; Jana Sarkkinen, RDH, Rose Family Dental; Dr. Steven Hockett, Salmon Creek Periodontics; Dr. Michael Rue, Minnehaha Family Dentistry; Dr. Peter Lubisich, Vancouver Pediatric Dentistry; Trisha Simcox, RDH, Kelly Venetucci, RDH

**Members Absent:** Melody Scheer, RDH, New Day Com. Dental Clinic; Dr. David Swan, Retired Dentist; Dr. David Fitch, Retired Dentist; Dr. Russell G. Church DMD; Dr. Richard Mielke, Retired Dentist; Kaili Rutkowski, Palena Dental Arts, Kelly Pfeifer, Portland Community College; Dr. Ryan Lewis

**Clark College:** Brenda Walstead, RDH, Director, Dental Hygiene; Honey Knight, RDH, Professor; Amy Johnson, Instructor; Becky Herman, Instructor; Kristi Taylor, Instructor; Blake Bowers, Dean, Business & Health Sciences; Shelley Ostermiller, Associate Director, Advising Services; Andreana DiGiorgio, Secretary Sr., Advisory Committees

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Committee Chair, Michelle Vincent, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

A motion was made to approve the October 28, 2013 meeting minutes with the correction of Clark College Foundation Board Member Mr. Glen Hollar's last name. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Office of Instruction**

Shelley Ostermiller, Associate Director of Advising Services, gave an overview of the program applications. She reported that after the recent deadline for fall, Dental Hygiene applications were up over last year with 110 applicants. She said that many other colleges' applications were down. Dr. Hockett asked if we keep track of graduates and if they find jobs. Both Shelley and Blake told the committee that Clark College does keep track, however, the response rate is poor. Brenda said she learns by word of mouth and Facebook. Students from last year all have jobs.

**Director/Division Chair Report**

Brenda began her report by thanking the committee members for their email vote in support of adding a one credit course titled "Introduction to Digital Management Systems" to the BAS Degree. The course is an introduction to axiUm – the digital management system designed for dental patient records, student clinical assessments, and radiography. She added that in this course students will learn to navigate the system, enter data pertaining to clinical patient treatment, and track clinical skills assessments. Students will take this course in the first quarter of the dental hygiene program.

*BAS.* Brenda reported to the committee that the Baccalaureate in Applied Science (BAS) continues to move forward. She said that currently the C & D part of the application is at the state under review. She said she goes to Olympia on February 26 where the review committee of C & D will ask questions if they have any. After that, there will be a last meeting in March where the state board will approve/disapprove.

*Remodel.* Brenda reminded the committee they will take a tour of the new facility tonight. She said it was finished. She said it was a huge undertaking and was a collaborate effort between faculty, students, architect, and contractors and was finished on time and under budget. She reported that the information management system, axiUm, will “go live” July 1, and the digital radiography still needs to be installed. Blake congratulated all.

*Perkins Funds granted.* Brenda announced that funds for three cure lights and a new statim have been approved.

*Foundation Grant:*

- **Typodonts.** Brenda told the committee that she is putting in for funds to purchase 30 new typodonts. She said the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) is changing the typodonts for the Restorative Boards Exams. She said that students have already purchased another type of typodont (the one previously used for boards) and while it’s unfortunate that the equipment has been changed in the middle of the year, she does not want the students to have to put out more money. The dollar amount is approximately \$12,750.00, and includes 30 typodonts plus 8 of each set of prepared (prepped) teeth. These will stay at the clinic and can be reused for different courses. Brenda asked if the committee would support this purchase. A motion was made to purchase the typodonts. The motion was seconded and the committee approved the purchase unanimously.
- **Perioscope.** Dental Hygiene Professor, Honey Knight, reported to the committee that in order to continue to meet the community and industry standard, she recommends that the Dental Hygiene program purchase a perioscope. She said that this piece of equipment would enable students to visualize inside of periodontal pockets that are not responding to treatment as well. The perioscope enables the clinician to visualize burnished calculus, root fractures, etc. and would be for instructional purposes only. She added that it can be used in many of the courses being taught. Honey showed the committee a YouTube broadcast of a perioscope in action. Honey said the cost is approximately \$21,710.00 and includes system, sheets, and explorers. Blake interjected that even if The Foundation does not approve it this year, he said it’s important to show the need by continuing to ask for funding for it. A motion was made to support writing a grant to The Foundation to purchase the perioscope. The motion was seconded and the committee approved the purchase unanimously.

*Continuing Education Opportunities.* Brenda said she was invited to have lunch with Dr. Collins and Foundation President Lisa Gibert at Dr. Collins’s office. She said he was interested in how the Dental Society could use the dental hygiene clinic for continuing education. Brenda said she would love to see the clinic being utilized for continuing education. Dr. Lubisich thought that he thought Dr. Collins was more interested in utilizing the clinic for study clubs. Dr. Lubisich added that Brenda and her staff should come up with pricing to use the clinic for these purposes. After some discussion among the members, Dr. Hockett and Dr. Lubisich said they could come up with a list of study clubs in the area and bring that to the next meeting.

Brenda said that she is working on paperwork to obtain approval for the DH clinic be a testing site for the Western Regional Examining Boards (WREB). Having it at Clark would allow Clark College students to immediately be able to register for this site whereas areas for testing fill up quickly – it's a race on the computer during opening times. Some students end up having to go to Spokane to take boards. Blake also said if we can give the exams here, our students would be more comfortable taking their board exams.

### **2013-14 Work Plan**

Brenda and Michelle walked the committee through the work plan and gave an overview and status of items.

The work plan will be updated by Brenda and Michelle and distributed to the committee when it's complete.

Blake told the committee that this is just the beginning with the new clinic. He said that the program needs funds to continue to come in to keep the clinic going. He said the Dental Hygiene program has \$200K for starters, however, this money is to be used for software licenses, equipment replacement, etc. Blake said there needs to be continuing funds on an ongoing basis and added that he would like to see the committee set an ambitious goal. He reminded them that the nursing program has a \$4.8M endowment fund. Dr. Lubisich suggested the fundraising begin with students and graduates starting their senior year. Blake said he would get info from the Nursing Department that shows their strategy, what their funds are used for, etc., and bring this information to the spring advisory meeting. Self-promotion of the dental hygiene program is now possible because of the new facility per Blake.

### **Old Business**

*Prophy jets.* Brenda told the committee members that the prophy jets have been purchased.

*Cavitrons.* Brenda said that there are no funds for the cavitrons and therefore, the cavitrons are not built into the units and students will still need to purchase their own.

### **New Business**

*CDHD.* Brenda reported that the Children's Dental Health Day will be April 26, 2014. She said there is a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> which Dr. Lubisich is putting together along with the budget. Dr. Lubisich said he wants to sign up the kids who participate to come back to Clark to get their teeth cleaned. He said he'll be working with Brenda on funding for this to happen.

### **Next Meeting Date**

After some discussion, the committee agreed to meet again Monday, June 9, 2014.

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm and the committee members went on a tour of the new facility.