



## **HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Time: 5:30-7:00pm \* Zoom Online**

**Members Present:** Chasity Palacios (Chair), Northwest Urology, LLC; Merryl Blatnik (Vice Chair), Columbia River Mental Health Services; April Andrews, Columbia River Mental Health Services; Manuel Galaviz MD, PeaceHealth SW Medical Center; Sean Moore, Workforce SW; Emily Strahan, Moda Health; Donna York, PeaceHealth

**Members Absent:** Julie McKim, Kaiser Permanente NW; Virdie Schrei RHIT, Providence Health & Services; Lori Lucente CTR, Providence Portland Medical Center;

**Clark College:** Olga Lyubar, Instructor; Mengistu Hika, Instructor; Jessica Hash, Advising; Brenda Walstead, Dean – Business and HEOC; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees; Andreama DiGiorgio, Program Specialist – Medical Assistant

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### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes for 2.16.22 approved as amended during the meeting.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The committee selected their next meeting date for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **COLLEGE and PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The college is developing a new strategic plan over the summer.

NWCCU midcycle report is due in August. This report includes reviewing the recommendations that were made and what steps we have taken to address them.

There is a looming budget cut coming our way. Clark College has been able to stave off budget cuts by using the CARE funds, but they are no longer continuing that funding source.

We will be looking at a surgical tech program to Clark as this is a significant community need. Administration is in support of continuing to support the community health care needs. The

Instructional Planning Team was introduced to this, including letters of need/support for these positions from local providers.

Lisa Gilbert, Foundation CEO is stepping down.

Brenda will be retiring at the end of Summer as she is retiring to Arizona with her spouse.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Interdepartmental/interprofessional between the Allied Health programs and the nursing department. The intent is to expand to include more programs in the future.

## **MARKETING AND WEBSITE UPDATE**

Played the video for marketing for allied health, simulating what would happen in a car accident. Olga walked through the process and timeline in the creation process, including for example using the jaws of life to free a “victim” (this was a simulation, not a real accident). This included programs such as the EMT, Pharmacy Tech, Phlebotomy, and so forth. There will be additional videos specific to all healthcare programs.

The website will be updated, and Olga shared the images. Some of this is already incorporated in different marketing representation. Discussed where some of the marketing goes to, such as Evergreen School District and Battleground High School.

There is now an active CTE Director Healthcare Career pathway being rallied by Career Connect Washington and they will be engaging with Clark College around this. The meeting was cancelled last week but it will be rescheduled.

On-ramp course maps were shared with Brenda that had been developed by PCC as an example of something Clark might be willing to consider. The program has a core curriculum shared with the high schools already but will review what was sent and get back with Sean Moore.

## **2021-22 COHORT GRADUATING**

All but one student from winter graduation have found employment. 12 students graduated.

## **REQUEST FOR INTERNSHIPS**

Currently there are 19 students in the HIM program, with Medical Billing CP there are 14 students.

What can the group do to assist the program was discussed. This included showing support for our graduates, including the continued hiring as well as internship placements. The hope is to grow available locations to reach full capacity of 25 students. These internships do not just have to be in medical records, it can also be in medical billing. The student needs to complete 120 hours to complete the internship.

The program needs to verify if internships can be paid as other programs they cannot be. The goal is to screen candidates into the scholarship through WSW. There is funding available for both students and employers.

### **HIRING NEW TENURE TRACK INSTRUCTOR**

Currently, finishing up on the interviewing component and there are some great candidates.

### **NO CHANGES IN CANCER REGISTRY AND ACCREDITATION**

Currently working to try to get support regarding the exact number of how many internships will be available, I know it goes back to the internships because we can't run an effective program if we can't send the students out anywhere.

### **SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

PeaceHealth Directors seem interested and excited to have students.

Providence has begun to show interest in partnering with local colleges for the CTR Program and have over 50 registries. This would be across several states such as Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Donna will connect with Olga and identify who to partner with.

### **INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Changes are expected in July as the Department of Health and other state regulatory bodies review all the code waiver items. This may change documentation and items such as remote work. Good faith estimates as a result of No Surprises Act has caused a need for positions to assist in acquiring those estimates and working with insurance to ensure patients are provided them. It is possible that these good faith estimates may move from self-pay or out of network to all patients regardless of insurance status.

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