



HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm * 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; Karin LaValla, WorkSource; Lori Lucente CTR, Providence Portland Medical Center; Sean Moore, Workforce SW; Donna York, PeaceHealth

Members Absent: Manuel Galaviz MD, PeaceHealth SW Medical Center; Julie McKim, Kaiser Permanente NW; Virdie Schrei RHIT, Providence Health & Services; Emily Strahan, Moda Health;

Clark College: Olga Lyubar, Instructor; Janine Rieck, Instructor; Tasaday Turner, Advising; Brenda Walstead, Dean – Business and HEOC; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees;

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for 5.25.22 were presented for approval. Merryl Blatnik motioned to approve. April Andrews seconded and was unanimously approved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The committee selected their next meeting date for **February 22nd, 2023 at 5:30pm***.

**This date and time has been updated to Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 at 5:30pm.*

COLLEGE AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The college is working on a new equity centered strategic plan. It should be approved by the Board of Trustees by the end of December.

Brenda Walstead spoke about the mid-cycle accreditation visit report that was due in the summer. The program received back a preliminary report from the accreditors. The big seven-year visit is scheduled for 2025. The program was recognized for the work with guided pathways and the strategic enrollment management plan. There is some work that needs to be done with overall assessment; all areas of the college assessed, looking at general education outcomes, etc. There is some work ahead and a plan for a successful visit in 2025.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Upcoming Events

Olga Lyubar spoke on an event in the summer with high schoolers called LokeCK?. The program partnered with other programs across the college to chat and engage individually with high school students. The Allied programs had their own room where they could explain to students what to expect and what they do in their careers and fields. This was also another marketing strategy to help reach out to students to get them into the program, as well as overall, just getting them into community colleges. The event lasted the whole day and students went to different areas of the college.

There is another event called Stem-O-Ween? coming up over the weekend. It is themed for Halloween and is again partnered with different parts of the college. The program will share a room with Dental Hygiene and the Nursing programs where each of them will have stations. The middle school and high school students will have activities that they can participate in to better understand and experience the careers and fields being presented. The HIM department will be called “I-Spy” where students must try to find errors in a medical record. There will be an original copy that will have all information/data, while the other copy will have missing information. How fast can they spot the missing items? There will be about 60 high schoolers and 60 middle schoolers.

A spring/summer activity that the program is planning a panel of the different careers and those working in the field to be able to chat with the students. Olga will provide more information in the winter term. The event will occur across three days so each interaction with the programs will take longer: about an hour or more. There will also be help and information about how to apply to colleges, receive scholarships, campus tours, etc. This will be geared towards high school and transitional students. There will also be a conclusion at the end where students can connect and review what happened over those three days so that the program can continue to build relationships. Olga made a call to the committee asking if any of the industry members would like to participate or volunteer for the event. This could include sitting on the panel, providing swag from their organization, etc.

Merryl Blatnik asked about past events and how far the program has reached out? Is it just Vancouver or is it into Portland or other areas? Brenda Walstead explained that the event in the summer was for k12 and was focused on migrant workers in the Evergreen School District. The Stem-O-Ween is iUrban and reaching out to historically disadvantaged students. The event happening in the spring will be extended to ALL high schools and districts that are locally here (Evergreen, Vancouver, Camas, etc.). It will most likely occur during spring break or the summer break.

Sean Moore stated that he is working with regional youth partners (any organization that works with youth 16+) and would be happy to let them know of the event.

Website Updates

Olga showed the advisory committee the updates to the website that was previously discussed. She explained the video that introduces all the healthcare programs; it includes interviews from different community partners, the dean Brenda Walstead, etc. It also includes a video of the car simulation

accident and how the programs work together. The actual HIM page includes a video of Olga explaining the program. It includes a link to the application, cost and payment and other valuable information.

New Tenure Track Faculty

Olga officially introduced Janine Rieck. The program had been looking to hire to continue the process of accreditation. Janine has been working hard on changing textbooks in one of the courses. It will be updated to the AHIMA as well as a V lab, which will allow students to have the encoder experience in their coding classes. The books used previously have expired in editions but will not be renewing the additions. All other textbooks will remain the same.

Janine explained that the students will have a bundle into the V lab for one year AND the textbook. The encoder is 3M, which is industry standard so students will have real experience. Previously, ICD10 PCS?, the procedural coding system, will also be introduced. V lab will allow the program to bundle everything together in cost savings and experience.

Internships

Olga stated that internships can be paid. The process will still need to occur to get the students onboarded.

Sean Moore introduced Karin LaValla from WorkSource. She works very closely with students to get them qualified and also paid for internships.

Course Quality

Quality matters. There is a course process where they are being reviewed to make sure that it is an adequate online course. The remaining year will be planning for the other courses to go through the process as well.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Sean Moore stated that technology/cybersecurity is very popular. The industry has a lot of conversations happening in person. Olga spoke on two students that are currently in the program and how they want to continue their education with the bachelor's program with Cyber Security at Clark College. She has been working with Dwight Hughes to make sure that these students will be able to enter a field that focuses more on medical cyber security.

Sean wants to help this program strengthen relationships with the industry to create more opportunities for students. There is a new CNA course for the state of Washington. The curriculum is coming out in early 2023.

Janine talked about the 2023 evaluation and management guideline updates. This will be taking affect for inpatient services starting January 1st. She will be giving a presentation on this for the Eugene chapter AAPC. If anyone needs a CEU, it will be on November 17th, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Merryl Blatnik announced that her organization hired a graduate from the HIM program.