



Health Information Management - MINUTES
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 5:30 PM
Zoom Online

Members Present: Sean Moore, Chasity Palacios, April Andrews, Merryl Blatnik.

Members Absent: Julie McKim, Virdie Schrei, Janine Gunn, Manuel Galaviz MD, Lori Lucente, Emily Strahan, Karin LaValla, and Donna York.

Clark College: Olga Lyubar, Scot Headley, Janine Rieck, Sarah Kuzera, and Elizabeth Flores.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from March 2023 could not be approved today.

The minutes from May 31, 2023, were presented for approval. As of October 4th, 2023, the minutes from May 31st, have been approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on **Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

COLLEGE UPDATES

Introductions were made by all attendees.

Olga welcomed Scot Headley, Clark College's new Dean of Business and Health Sciences, to the Health Information Management committee.

Olga announced an enrollment increase since COVID-19. Clark College is experiencing more in-person students and increased enrollment by 18% since last fall. This includes international students and running start students as well.

Olga stated this academic year consists of five medical terminology courses, five lecture classes, and two medical classes.

Olga and Janine highlighted the healthcare camp from this summer. The camp provided student feedback, hands-on skills, and knowledge for incoming students. There are plans to continue the healthcare camp next summer.

Students who attended the health care camp had their fees waived. This financial incentive allows for more exposure around the program, increased enrollment, and removing financial barriers to enrollment.

Scot shared Olga's success and positive feedback from recruitment staff in reflection of the healthcare camp.

Janine offered industry members opportunities to participate next year by becoming a speaker or hosting a workshop. The healthcare camp will be hosted the last week of June 2024.

Sean recommended a flyer for the upcoming healthcare camp which includes Stem-O-Ween, an event that Guided Pathways is holding.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Olga shared increased applicant updates and added that there have been twelve student graduates. There are currently eighteen students in the Health Information Management program.

Olga is working on the delays with the internship contract renewal.

Janine discussed the inception of the Health Information Management Club. The club recently lost the president and executive assistant due to graduation. The club is in the process of filling those positions, and there will be a meeting in late October 2023 to fill those vacancies.

The Health Information Management Club can now be found on LinkedIn. Janine and Olga are encouraging students to create LinkedIn pages as well for local job postings and networking opportunities. Industry committee members are encouraged to follow the Health Information Management LinkedIn as Janine endorses students through the page.

April announced that a recent graduate from this summer of August 2023 began as an intern and was recently hired last week at Columbia River Mental Health.

Olga will be attending the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) conference in Baltimore from October 7th to 11th, 2023.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

Olga shared that Melissa Alvarado and Lorraine Colwell are geared towards building classes so they may teach in the Cancer Registry Program.

Olga is looking for ways to fund the Cancer Registry, therefore auditing student numbers and internships.

The Health Information Management faculty are encouraging students to get more involved in national organizations. If there are any industry updates or information on any program, Olga requests that she be made aware.

Sarah Kuzera announced that the Medical Assistant Advisory Committee is still trying to recruit a physician to sit on the committee. Ideally, the committee will need two practicing physicians to join for accreditation. The Medical Assistant Advisory Committee meets twice a year via Zoom.

Chasity, on behalf of the AAPC Vancouver Chapter, detailed the decrease in attendance since COVID-19. The next meeting is on October 19th in person, and they will continue to reevaluate meeting dates and times.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores