



HIM -MINUTES
April 30, 2025, at 5:30 PM
Zoom

Members Present: Chasity Palacios (Committee Chair), Billing Coordinator, Pritchard Orthodontics; April Andrews, Release Specialist and Lead of Medical Records, Columbia River Mental Health Services; Karin LaValla, Business Services Consultant, WorkSource; Sean Moore, Senior Project Manager, Workforce SW WA

Guests:

Members Absent: Merryl Blatnik (Vice Chair), Medical Coding Specialist, Columbia River Mental Health Services

Labor Representative:

Clark College: Olga Lyubar, Department Chair, Clark College; Janine Rieck, Tenured Professor, Clark College; Jessica Hash, Academic Advisor, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

The meeting began at 5:36 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on October 29, 2025, at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on February 26th, 2025, were approved.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Olga announced that Janine Rieck received tenure.

Olga shared that Surgical Tech was approved by the state and is running a full cohort in the fall of 2025.

Olga noted that the State budget means a flat or slightly smaller budget for the College next year.

Karin asked about the capacity for the surgical tech program. B2

Olga shared that Lisa Barsotti has been instrumental with outreach for the Allied Health programs and has noted the high volume of inquiries for the Surgical Tech program from high school students.

Olga announced that the Allied Health division received recognition as the partner of the year with ESD 112. The programs are working with local high schools to bridge the gap and offer dual credit for students, and it is a part of the ESD 112 grant.

Olga discussed that Clark College is receiving a regional accreditation visit in the fall, and by June 6th, program assessments will be due. By the fall, we are expecting a smooth accreditation report.

Olga shared that the College is currently interviewing for the Vice President of Human Resources.

HEALTHCARE CAMP

Olga shared details regarding the upcoming Healthcare Camp from June 23-25. The program is seeking panel speakers and classroom assistants. Please email Olga if you're interested in volunteering.

The programs that are participating in this year's Healthcare Camp:

- Phlebotomy, Pharmacy, Surgical Tech, Health Information Management, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Physical Ed, and possibly Emergency Medical Services.

OUTREACH

Olga noted that the program continues to work on outreach to local high schools. The program has seen an increase in Running Start student inquiries, which Olga attributes to outreach efforts.

Olga discussed dual credit opportunities with high schools. High School students can receive high school and college credits, which is a great opportunity for the community.

The program aims to strengthen its networks with high school faculty. The program had requests from high school faculty to sit in and observe a class. The program is looking into that.

Olga shared that the faculty had met to create a list of requirements for assignments or projects.

Olga acknowledged Sean Moore's involvement.

AAT Graduation Celebration

Olga shared the upcoming AAT graduation celebration on August 20, 2025, and welcomed advisory committee members to attend.

- Location: Clark College Main Campus at 6 PM. Invitations to follow.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Graduating AAT Class -Spring 2025

Olga shared that the graduation program will be in August 2025, and the College commencement will be on June 18th.

Olga shared that the graduating class of 2025 consists of 22 students.

- The 2025 Cohort Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, March 6th, at four different times.

Olga shared the incoming 2025 cohort numbers.

- AAT has accepted 17 students.

- CP students have accepted 16 students so far and plan to add more students.

Karin asked how many hours students must complete.

Olga shared that students currently need 80-120 hours.

Olga announced that the program is actively seeking more partners with facilities. The program needs to place 22 students this upcoming summer.

COURSE UPDATES

Olga shared that the program updated HIM 202 & 112 for the spring term. Additionally, the fall term will have two more textbook updates in courses HIM 201 and 211.

Olga shared that Janine had worked on and displayed the Clark College libraries, which are accessible to the public and students. Olga welcomed committee members to add any resources for the students and encouraged them to share those with the program.

Olga asked Karin if any students had reached out for resources.

Karin noted only one student so far and offered to join a classroom to share resources.

Olga welcomed Karin to attend the HIM club to discuss resources.

April noted there might be a few staff members interested in speaking at the upcoming Healthcare Pathway Camp if you can provide the questions ahead of time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM