



**MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

6:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

T-Building, Room 101

Members Present: Diane Buelt, Committee Chair, PeaceHealth Southwest; John Ferguson, MBA, CRA, RT, Vice Chair, Adventist Medical Center; Debbie Mansell, Legacy Health Systems; Heather Cassavoy, PeaceHealth Southwest; Cynthia Falkenhagen, RT, Vancouver Radiologists; Ian Shupe, Providence Portland; Loyal Betschart, PeaceHealth SW; Rhonda Meyers, Lower Columbia College

Members Absent: Heather Tanninen, Providence Centralia Hospital; Erik Kilgore, MD, Vancouver Radiologists; Cathy Darrah, PeaceHealth St. Johns; Jenny Baker, Legacy Mt. Hood Medical Center

Clark College: Debra Ortiz, Director of Allied Health; Jenefer King, MRAD Instructor; John Fritz, MRAD Student in the Program; Blake Bowers, Dean, Business & Health Sciences; Dedra Daehn, Director of Academic Services; Andreana DiGiorgio, Advisory Committee Coordinator

Committee Chair, Diane Buelt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with introductions.

Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to approve the May 7, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Office of Instruction/Advisory Committee Business

Director of Academic Service, Dedra Daehn, spoke about the 2013-14 Perkins Grant funding. She said the college has been awarded \$648K in Perkins funding for 2013-14. She explained that this is federal funding that comes from the state and supports Clark's career and technical programs. The primary focus of using these funds is to prepare students for the workplace, help them improve their technical skills as well as their academic skills. Dedra said there is about \$27K available for professional, career and curriculum development and other projects and to let her know if these funds are needed.

Dedra then told the committee about another source of funding available to Clark College, the Worker Retraining funds also received from the state. The amount of money awarded for 2013-14 was over \$1,000,000. This funding is used to support and provide education, training, and career services for dislocated and unemployed workers. Dedra said students coming in to Clark who have been laid off or dislocated may be eligible for financial aid and other monetary support because of the Worker Retraining program. These monies can also support some of Clark's adjunct faculty salaries and equipment needs.

Lastly, Dedra reported that Clark College is implementing a new Credit for Prior Learning program. This past spring a policy was adopted for this program. Students who have had previous experience may be able to convert that experience into credits towards their degree. There will be four assessment methods offered: 1) Credit for military experience using American Council of Education (ACE) guidelines, 2) Course challenge, 3) College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and 4) Crosswalks for certifications and training that line up with current courses. The assessments will be coordinated by the American Council of Education (ACE). In each of the four assessment methods, students must demonstrate proficiency in the outcomes for the course in which credit will be awarded. The Credit for Prior Learning program is being implemented during 2013-14 and is anticipating students to be able to participate in late spring or summer 2014.

Director Report

Accreditation update. Debbie reported that they received a report back from the JRC. The site visit will be in May of 2014. She said one of the things they wanted clarification on was the distance learning integrity which is a general focus of theirs. She said they supplied them with the requested information and included in that were verification of passwords in order for the students to go online to do work, and verification of the instructors having leeway as far as timed tests and mixing up test questions, etc. Another question they had was about clinical placement of students at Providence Centralia. They said that we can only have one student and there are two students at this site. In the end, they said we can keep two students there.

Debbie told the committee she emailed the job outlook to them. For MRAD techs the job outlook looks good thru 2020. She said the projected need is about 28% with projected employment at 281K for 2020. Debbie mentioned that these reports are not always 100% accurate but the job market looks good.

Work Plan

Review alumni and employer survey results. Debbie began with reporting on the results of the alumni survey. She said that they had talked about keeping the surveys brief to get a better response. Some useful data was received. She reported that 86% of the last graduating class are working and this includes fulltime, part time, and per diem. She said that 89% felt they were prepared for employment at graduation. For the registry, 86% felt prepared. Next, as far as the rotations, 86% of the students felt prepared. She said that unfortunately, none of the surveys came back with comments.

Debbie continued with the results of the employer survey. She said that they only received three responses. The results were not enough for an accurate rating. There were two comments though, Debbie said. One employer said the new grads didn't seem secure about their skills in fluoro and surgery and she said that having the new C-arm and mobile unit will help this issue. We also purchased new GE Centricity software that should come in soon and help the students with PACS skills. The other comment was that the employee needs to be a superstar in this environment and Debbie said that this is their goal: to make the graduates superstars when they set out to join the workforce. A discussion about how to get more responses took place. One suggestion was to call the employer first, and then email them the link to the survey. Having the survey come from the Director of Allied Health instead of the program coordinator may promote a better response was another suggestion. Debbie said she will send it out again. The work plan will reflect that Debbie will send another employer survey.

Additional clinical sites. Debbie reported that Gray's Harbor is not going to take any students during the winter due to staffing issues. She said the good news is that Mt. Hood will take a third student, making sure they are rotated so that they are not all working the same shifts. She is still looking at additional sites so that there's a cushion. She said there are a total of 19 placements. She said there are four students at St. John's in Longview. Debbie said she's waiting to hear back from Providence Hood River and Ocean Beach. She asked if anyone had any slots open for students. Ian asked about Kaiser Permanente. Ian said he knows a doctor who used to work at Kaiser and he will ask him for a contact at Kaiser. Jenny said she has contacted Vancouver Clinic to see if they can add an additional student.

Vision 2020. Debbie said Clark College is working on a new strategic plan for the college and that each program will have their own 5-year strategic plan (2018). Blake told the committee that the college is collecting input from faculty, staff, and the community and is now moving from gathering data to putting it into action steps. Blake said they're looking at staffing levels, amount of students, equipment, fund raising, among many other things. He said the Foundation can help with fund raising plans. He asked the committee what they see for the future for the MRAD program. He mentioned that the Dental Hygiene program has a \$400 to \$500K endowment fund from the Foundation and Dental Hygiene gets to spend the interest from that fund. He asked the committee if they can begin a discussion on how to create an endowment fund for MRAD now that the program is not so young anymore. He said the Foundation can come to a meeting and present information on not only the Foundation itself and how it works, but they can also offer fund raising suggestions. Blake said that the strategic plan that's being put in place will allow faculty and staff to advocate for the needs of the program, but he asked, where do we start? How much money should be the goal? Again, Blake asked that the committee begin thinking about and discussing fundraising options.

Develop new work plan. Debbie went through the 2013-14 work plan and made changes as follows:

1. Resubmit an employer survey and review results. This timeline is changed to winter 2014.
2. Identify and contact additional clinical sites for students. This was discussed earlier and will stay on the work plan as an ongoing item.
3. Review mission, goals and mission statement. Timeline will be changed to winter 2014.
4. Vision 2020 was discussed earlier and will continue to be ongoing. The strategic plan was added as this ties into Vision 2020.

Debbie asked if any other items should be put on the work plan. Diane Buelte said an equipment plan should be added to the work plan. This item will become item #3 on the work plan. Lastly, the committee thought that JCERT accreditation of program should be added to the work plan. The timeline will be 2014 as the site visit is scheduled for May of 2014.

Debbie told the committee she is looking for a radiology-based nurse to teach Shane Yocum's classes and if they have anyone in mind to contact her.

Old Business

Equipment update. After a discussion of equipment needs, the following list was put in place with the items prioritized:

MRAD Equipment Needs	Cost
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1	Head phantom with c-spine 711-HN AtomMax Dental Head's spine goes from C1 – C7	9,736
2	2nd Lung/Chest RS-330 (plus extras of 5 optional pathologies x \$97 each - \$485)	7,860
3	knee (clear)	1,640
4	Forearm of PBU-50 PH-2B -4R & 4L	1,940
5	DR with ceiling mounted tube (in 3rd patient care lab room) \$140,000 for equipment, and \$15,000 for ceiling upgrade	155,000

A motion was made to approve the updated prioritized equipment. The motion was seconded and the committee voted their approval.

New Business

Outcomes update. Debbie said she addressed this earlier in the meeting, however, she had the committee look at the outcomes spreadsheet. Jenny said she was happy to see the trend for the repeat rates is down. Included in these outcomes are solo, precomp and comp. She added that it's all about positioning.

Debbie said that a plan is being put together in the case of a major catastrophe or disaster. They are calling this the Continuity of Operations Plan, or COOP, for short. She asked the committee if the lab was damaged what could they do, temporarily, to keep the continuity of learning for the students. She asked if the program would be able to use one (or more) of their sites to continue teaching classes? The members said that in the case of a fire or tornado, or other unexpected situation, the community would come through.

Diane summarized the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date was discussed and decided that the next meeting will be either Tuesday, February 11 or Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6 p.m. Debbie will contact Dr. Erik Kilgore to find out which date is best for him. The meeting location will be T-Building, room 101. Andreana will send out a Save the Date to the committee when the meeting date is firmed up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.