



## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE -MINUTES

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Meeting Location: Zoom Online (Audio/Video)

**Members Present:** Derrick Ogawa (Committee Chair), Walgreens; Zach McCall (Vice-Chair), Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center; Amy Houger, HeLa High School; Rene Bloemke, Net-RX; Bob Gustainis, Walgreens;

**Members Absent:** Cornel Brisc, Walgreens; Anthony Mauer, PeaceHealth St. John's Hospital; Matt McCarty, Fred Meyer; Sean Moore, Workforce SW; Brenda Tallent, Legacy Health

NAMES I WASN'T SURE WHERE TO PUT: Garrett Moore-Jones, Jessica Hash

**Guests:** Karin LaValla, WorkSource

**Clark College:** Heidi Fay, Dept. Head, Pharmacy Tech Department; Brenda Walstead – Dean of HEOC; Carmen Lilly, Advising; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees

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### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*The minutes of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved.*

### NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will next meet on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 4pm.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COLLEGE AND/OR DEPARTMENT

Paul Wickline has been hired as the new Vice President of Instruction

Brenda Walstead will be retiring in August.

### ASHP ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Program changes were approved by all committees as the college, and they will be implemented this fall. Some of the changes, as a reminder, included moving calculations to first term and for winter term we moved pharmacy compounding. Additional labs were added for first and second term by 2 hours a week, from two to four. In the final term, the capstone was added that includes building a portfolio and advanced training and lab simulations.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Enrollment is very low, in single digits. One of the reasons is the length of the program. Another relates to requisite requirements. See below (BUS 149).

## **NEXT STEPS**

Curriculum is in good shape and Heidi has been working on linking all outcome and assignments and activities to assessment. The hope is to complete all the work and apply for accreditation early winter or spring of 2023. Those who take extern students will be contacted by Heidi for further information that is needed as part of this process.

## **BUS 149**

BUS 149 has been a prerequisite for the program for a long time, and the question before the committee is this course still needed? It is a barrier for student enrollment. For recent high school graduates, this is already embedded in their coursework. Concerns were raised if this coursework includes some of the higher-level functions for Excel or PowerPoint, for example. There was a suggestion that it be made optional for students who would like to take it or need to skill.

## **CAR CRASH SIMULATION – PROPS**

The car crash simulation video will include several health care units. For Pharmacy tech the patient is going to need IV antibiotics, so they will shoot picture of the student mixing it in our lab. Patients are also going to need discharge medications or those from a retail pharmacy so we will be counting tablets both in person and on a computer simulation as well as handing the medication over to the patient.

## **RECRUITMENT IDEAS/CLARK COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

Heidi has been working with Kathy at the Clark College Foundation. Heidi shared a document of ideas:

- Survey current students to ask them to identify barriers/obstacles to the program.
- Develop flyers to advertise – focusing on something that can be put up or distributed focusing on the benefits of the real world experience such as two externships.
- Utilize current students through social media posts, flyers, attend recruit visits to high schools or career fairs
- Engaging with employers. Many employers have reached out to share that they are willing to pay for student licensing fees or provide bonuses after 60 days rather than six months. Promoting Clark College as a pathway such as posting flyers or share out about the program on employer social media would be helpful.
- Start reaching out sooner, such as middle school.
- CVS offered to provide tours of various pharmacies that students could be taken on, such as the Healthcare Delivery and Career Exploration course (AH 104).
- Heidi is going to begin to offer monthly zoom information sessions and may move to twice monthly. It would be beneficial to have employers join in on information sessions.

- Kathy indicated funding could be raised to be used for scholarships and waiving the \$50 application fee. Heidi will look into this further to identify any restrictions. The scholarship director at the foundation has earmarked \$5,000 to assist in getting the scholarship started. Additional potential uses of funding including assisting students in coverings fees or costs such as obtaining immunizations.
- Kathy C. Suggested creating an internal newsletter or bulletin board that offers information and more.
- Offer information sessions at employer locations.
- Encouraging pharmacy students and graduates the benefit of getting a bachelor's in business.

## **INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Pharmacy Technicians in many locations are now giving vaccinations and some do testing, such as for flu. There is a need for pharmacy technicians to work in places other than the pharmacy, such as assisting in working with insurance to ensure medication is covered, and there is a need for the PT background to understand the industry and know things such as what generic is available for name brand medications.

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