



MEDICAL ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 2nd, 2022
*** Zoom Online (Audio/Video)**

Members Present: Norman Berg (Committee Chair), The Vancouver Clinic; Lynsey Benton, Student; April Gapsch, PeaceHealth; Ray Maly, Community Member; Sean Moore, Workforce SW

Members Absent: Morgan Berg, Lifeline Connections; April Gapsch, PeaceHealth; Laurie Helms, Nurse Practitioner; Karin LaValla, WorkSource; Pepper Miller, Alumni; Lacie Thompson (Vice Chair), PeaceHealth; Stefanie Tolliver, The Vancouver Clinic

Clark College: Sarah Kuzera, Director of MA; Andreana DiGiorgio, Program Specialist – Medical Assistant; Jessica Hash, Advising; Alejandra Herring, Instructor; Dr. Brenda Walstead, Dean of BHS; SueAnn McWatters, Program Specialist – Advisory Committees

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of December 8th, 2021 were approved as amended.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Marketing Meeting will be held on March 7th, 2022. Brenda will send out the invitation for this meeting only.

The committee selected their next meeting date: November 3rd, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Wickline is the new Vice President of instruction.

The Health Care Car Accident Video is moving forward with the support of Guided Pathways funds.

The program has received the High Demand Grant.

The program has put in for the temporary full time MA instructor to begin teaching evenings in the fall.

EVENING GRANT

Fundamental and prerequisite courses for Spring and Summer will be online. Currently the face-to-face coursework will be at night, and the hope is to also run a section during the day. There is space in the program, so anyone interested is encouraged to go to advising for further assistance to enroll in the program. Committee discussed different ways to increase recruitment, including posting on internal communication forums and HR communications. There may be opportunities for job training reimbursement with either Vancouver Clinic or PeaceHealth Legacy.

SECOND ASSOCIATE DEGREE TRACK ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The program has 8 students starting in spring, there are a lot of students applying but they are not qualified because of not passing prerequisite courses. Some students may be given exceptions to begin the course while they work through their requisites to allow students to enroll.

The phlebotomy track does not have a full cohort, so the program is hoping to utilize phlebotomy program students to ensure classes for this track (as opposed to the core courses) enroll enough students to run.

Current students coming out of high school have been struggling, the example was the difference in schoolwork expectations in high school compared to college.

Students are block enrolled in all MA specific courses, but they are responsible for self-enrollment for all other courses which has been problematic for some students particularly as it relates to the AIDS certificate for example.

CASCADIA TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Sarah Kuzera met with Cascadia Tech students, providing a checklist for students to follow. Advising went out the next day to assist in filling out applications. The program is waiting for final enrollment count currently.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The committee is looking for a provider member, such as a nurse practitioner, doctor, or physician assistant. Documentation would be needed by providing the committee with their provider number. If they are unable to attend, the committee can document the minutes have been reviewed and approved by the provider. The committee is also looking to recruit a recent graduate as well.

Members will get together for a marketing meeting, attendance is not mandatory as this meeting will focus on how to recruit into the program. Minutes can be taken and shared out with anyone not able to attend.