Initial Community Health and Health Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Members present: Raeann Koerner, HED Department Chair; Debbie Newcomb, Ventura College CTE Dean, and Irene Orneles, MSW, LCSW, Regional Director, Employer Engagement

Health Sector of the South-Central Coast Regional Consortium and Health Workforce Initiative.

A Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:15 by Raeann Koerner.

1. The requirements for the proposed Community Health and Health Education Certificate of Achievement were discussed. After some discussion, it was decided that the COA should have a kinesiology class as part of the requirement since we are looking for a holistic approach. Irene Orneles suggested that the 22-unit certificate might have too many units and that we might consider shortening the requirements. It was decided to take out the Anthropology requirement (under the initial List B of the narrative) since it wasn’t really relevant to any of the possible entry level jobs a student might apply for.

Raeann said she will make the adjustment on Course Leaf.

1. There was a discussion on the types of entry level jobs a student earning this degree might be able to apply for. Some of those jobs are Community Health Worker, Diabetes Educator, Health Promoters, Outreach Workers, Lay Health Advisors, Patient Navigators, and Community Health Aides.
2. There was a conversation regarding adding additional individuals to the advisory committee. Suggestions included asking professionals working at the Ventura County Public Health Agency, a representative from Planned Parenthood, Kaiser Permanente, Dignity Health, the Mixteco body, and various clinics in Ventura such as Las Clinicas (Clinicas del Camino Real). Raeann will call or send e-mails to the various suggested organizations asking for additional advisory committee members.