**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Health Information Technology (HEIT) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 5:00-5:30 PM, S-305**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order 5:04pm**
2. **Introductions**
   1. **Marci Arkin, San Ysidro Health Center; Ronna Gross, UC San Diego IS; Jamie Montoya, Arch Health Medical Group; Grace Patricio-Vecchione Trauma Surgeon; Judy Courtemanche-retired Sharp Healthcare HIM; Tina Recalde, Dean Health Science and Public Service Mesa College; Cassi Birnbaum, Adjunct HIMS program; Holly Jagielinski, Assistant Professor HEIT/HIMS; Celerina Cornett, UCSD Extension; Hernan Amezcua-Edgemoor Hospital; Veronica Hawkes, Senior in HIMS program; Lorraine Wilson, Scripps Health**
3. **Approval of minutes**
4. **Trends and Recommendations**
   1. **CAHIIM.org for standards**
   2. **CURES act; virtualized environment**
   3. **Able to send staff home; electronic environment**
   4. **21st century skills required; COVID is example of adaptability**
      * **Workflow, everyone out of comfort zone, collaboration increasing, technology; form changes, Microsoft Teams, telehealth**
   5. **Looking at HIM staff as “essential”; part of revenue cycle to ensure financial health of the organization; providing resources for revenue;**
   6. **Patient portals; meeting patients “where they are”; ensuring patients needs are met, responding to diverse patient population**
   7. **Societal factors plaguing vulnerable populations; social determinants of health**
   8. **Google and Apple coming together to assist in healthcare**
5. **Program statistics** 
   * + **23 students will graduate from the program in May**
     + **26 “fast track” students will complete the program in summer**
     + **Many will apply to enter HIMS program in fall 2020-due April 30**
     + **109 applicants for fall 2020-will accept first 64 qualified plus alternates**
       1. **First year fully online application process**
   1. **Cassi asked about plans for fall; Tina responded there may be a return to fall but plans are not firm at this time; we would consider all factors of social distancing**
6. **Curriculum changes**
   * + **HEIT 266/267 DCP discussion reducing hours**
   1. **Ronna agrees to reducing to one course at 135 hours; larger number of hours still needed to ensure they can get access; meeting criteria; Cassi agrees if experience is not as rounded we can add virtual experience or work experience; Jamie agrees to provide well rounded experience; Hernan agrees because County background clearance is time consuming, contract issues are difficult to navigate; Judy agrees with higher hours to be able to provide students full experience and good to do one; Lorraine agrees because they are able to see centralized and connect with their learning in class.**
7. **DCP sites**
   * + **Currently have 50 students in DCP this spring semester, each DCP has 135 hours**
     + **Summer DCP for fast track students approx. 30 placements**
       1. **Unlikely to open for summer students**
8. **RHIT exam pass rates**
   1. **Review score report and discuss**
   2. **Reported pass rate is 93% within 6 months of graduation**
   3. **Prep book with bundle starting summer 2020**
      * **Ronna suggested taking the exam in the last week as if a final exam as a cohort**
9. **CAHIIM Annual Program Accreditation Report (APAR) submitted**

**CAHIIM updates for accredited programs at AHIMA**

**Re-accreditation in process**

**Self-assessment due June 1, 2020, site visit fall 2020**

1. **Work based learning workshops spring 2020**
   1. **Continuation from advisory recommendation**
   2. **Connie sabbatical project reviewed jobs and importance of these skills**
2. **Next meeting-October 2020**
3. **Adjournment & thank you for participating and supporting Mesa College Health Information Technology Program**