



ALLIED HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18, 2024

Members Present: Dina Adalco, Cindy Archer, Jan Ashley, Kanoe Bandy, Darcy Bogle, Devin Daugherty, Tracy Hernandez, Jeff Fariss, Vernita Goodlet, Susan Groveman, Sheri Horn-Bunk, Nick Lidgett, Leslie Minor, Cindi Rafoth, Raeann Schmunk, Jennifer Woodward, and Kelsey Ziels.

Members Absent: Dawn Cole, Sarah Criss, Kimberley Jenkins, Komal Kahlon, Maybelle Liquigan, Brock McMurray, Robin McNabb, Ronald Ostrom, Kristi Richards, and Summer Wood-Luper.

Guests:

Facilitator: Devin Daugherty
Recorder: Jennifer Woodward

Call to Order:

The Allied Health Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

1. Introductions

Devin Daugherty opened the meeting and everyone present introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments/New Business

Meeting participants had the opportunity to bring new business or make public comments, but there were no volunteers.

3. Paramedic Program

Devin Daugherty discussed the Paramedic Program that is in development. The proposed program will provide a Certificate of Achievement following the completion of 3 courses spread over 3 terms. The program will provide the didactic and clinical experience necessary for taking the national certification exam.

Jeff Farris noted that the program exceeds the minimum standards for national certification. Nick Lidgett noted that the program developed skills towards ACLS, PHTLS, and PALS certification—other local programs do not do this.

Sheri Horn-Bunk asked how the cohort will be selected. Dr. Daugherty said that this had not yet been decided.

Dr. Daugherty asked for a motion to move the program forward. Mr. Fariss made the motion. Mr. Lidgett seconded.

4. Medical Assisting Program

Devin Daugherty discussed the Medical Assisting Program that is in development. The proposed program will provide a Certificate of Achievement following the completion of 5 courses spread over 3 terms. The program will provide training in the skills required by the state for this profession. There is also a plan to develop a Clinical Medical Assisting Program comprised of 4 courses.

Dina Aldaco asked where externships would be located for these programs. Dr. Daugherty noted that MOUs were being developed with partners in Taft, the Bakersfield metropolitan area, and anticipated additional locations throughout the county. Ms. Aldaco expects interest from her medical contacts. Dr. Daugherty asked for a motion to move the program forward. Mr. Fariss made the motion. Tracy Hernandez seconded.

5. Nursing Program Updates

Devin Daugherty announced that building projects were moving forward on the construction of spaces for the upcoming nursing program. This will include labs, faculty offices, an Allied Health office, and an office for the forthcoming program director, who has not been selected as of this meeting. The current plan is to hire for this position by the end of the year.

Once a bid for these projects has been accepted Taft College will apply to the Board of Registered Nurses for program certification.

Dr. Daugherty contacted the Center of Excellence for an analysis of the nursing labor market. He announced a \$40,000 grant to develop a nursing program.

6. Recommendations for New Programs

Devin Daugherty called for program recommendations. Mr. Lidgett suggested an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) Certification. It is a national certification that provides basic training for responding to emergency situations.

Kelsey Ziels recommended a CNA program. Adult Ed does a pre-CNA program and the CNA is a great feeder for the Nursing AS. Leslie Minor recommended Phlebotomy for the same reason. Dr. Daugherty developed Phlebotomy programming at USC which could potentially be used here.

Jennifer Woodward recommended a MLT (Medical Lab Technician) program. Dr. Daugherty will take this list of recommendations and get labor market analyses for these from the Center for Excellence.

Next Meeting: September on Zoom

Facilitator: Devin Daugherty

Meeting Adjourned: 3:56PM

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Woodward