

PARAMEDIC Advisory Committee MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: October 19, 2018
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: ESTC 113
COMMITTEE
CHAIR: Mark Belden
PROGRAM
COORDINATOR: Beth Watt
STAFF: Dennis Robert, Associate Dean - Instruction
Note taker: Anne Marie Acord

Present: Beth Watt; Program Director, Barbara Clark; Hospital/Clinical Representative, Alexandra Dahnke; Graduate, Mark Belden: Employer of Graduates Representative, Jeremiah LaRue; Administration of Justice Director, Lena Rohrabough; Sponsor Administration
Brian Bull; Current Student, Amber Griffiths; Current Student, Dennis Roberts; Associate Dean of Instruction, Michele Korkowski; Career and Tech Liason, Angelo Banos: Employer, Zachary Meyers; Public Member, Christina Van Alfen; Career and Tech Grant Manager, John Lord; SSV Rep

Absent: Mike Wilson; Fire Coordinator, Jason Swann; Employer, Harper Keene; Fire Representative, Scott Zittel; Medical Director, Jean Johndreau; Lead Lab, Patricia Tritt; NCTI Rep., Ashley Spivey; Instructor, Scot Groundwater; Graduate, John Poland; SSV Rep., Alicia Torge; Hospital/Clinical, Brian Witherell; Instructor

COMMITTEE AGREEMENTS and/or RECOMMENDATIONS TO COS:

- ✓ New Coordinator and Instructor needed
- ✓ Purchase one new 12 lead ISimulate Monitor, One new ISimulate Stethoscope and Trade in one old ISimulate monitor for an upgraded mode
- ✓ Need Lab Instructors
- ✓ Perkins monies

NEXT STEPS

Lead/team

By When?

1. Call to order-

- Welcome and Introductions-Mark Belden began the introductions.

2. Program Goals and Learning Objectives-

- To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge) psychomotor (skills) and (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels. Any thoughts on changes or updates to this? No.

3. Review Minutes-

- Review of minutes from Spring Advisory Meeting. Jeremiah motioned to approve the minutes and Lena Rohrabough 2nd the motion.

4. Annual reports and outcomes-

- Looking over the last three years, our 2016-17 class began with 23 students, 18 completed, 2 failed didactic, 3 quit for personal reasons during didactic and 2 failed in field. Sixteen students completed field and 16 passed NREMT the first attempt. Retention was 70% from this class.
- Classes that began last year, which is just finishing tonight, 32 began the program, 7 left in didactic due to personal reasons and 2 left because of grades. Twenty-two completed clinicals, two were dropped and 24 finished didactic and 22 went onto field. Eight students have currently passed and completed their field internship. Five students that

are completely done and 4 more students are in the process of doing their National Registry testing. We are at 69% completion rate, so we might have to do an explanation on the retention rate for our accreditation.

- Currently, we had 29 students at orientation and 2 students that will make up orientation. Of the 29, 3 students did not pass the EMT assessment test. Students get one chance to re-test.
- Student Survey- See hand out. Students finished survey last October. This survey is from the class that is completely done. The students all have jobs and have been working for 9 or 10 months. The students answered on the survey that they felt cognitive. Comments on page 10 of 25. Areas where there could have been more training: lifting and moving patients, gurney ops. One student stated spent the day on this, but it wasn't enough. Beth noted students are doing this 15 times a day during lab skills and mandated ride alongs - also students never came and stated they needed more help with this. One student stated there could be more PTSD training, Beth acknowledged there could be more put in at the end.
- On the Psychomotor skills, most students felt confident, one felt marginal.
- Student survey comments were all positive.
- Discussion regarding needing to add empathy to all scenarios, Fisdap has all of those scenarios, which are free to download.
- Employer survey: 16 returned, only 2 did not. Discussion regarding operations and documentation. Beth does not have students write a lot of PCRs in class. They have to do 20 during BLS mentorship time, which are to be reviewed. Students do have documentation lecture, practice in labs and write the occasional PCR in class. They work a LOT on PCR during the clinical and field internship. 40 are required during clinicals, all reviewed with Beth. The students are writing narratives in Fisdap, hand written and on company programs during field internship, depending where they precept.
- Psychomotor skills, 100% successful. The students said they could improve on special patient management. One student stated needed continue work with RSI.
- 100% on affective from the employer survey. All employers stated they would hire a COS graduate.

4. Other Assessment Results-

- Students are doing well on their Fisdap testing, which is hard.
- Students are doing well on their NREMT cognitive and psychomotor. Last class 100% pass rate on both.

5. Program Changes-

- Flip classroom: students run scenarios. For the current class, not working as well as last year. For example:
- Students built scenarios on material that did not correlate with the days teaching material. It was way off course. Overall flip classroom did not go well with the current class. Students were unprepared for the scenarios. Students chose to do chapter outlines instead of the flip classroom, they felt they learned more that way. Student advisory members suggested trying the flip classroom with another class to see how that goes, but do not remove the outlines.
- Switching to on line testing for the block testing through Fisdap next cohort. These are validated tests, nationally recognized.
- The minimum patient contact-See Appendix G handout. Accreditation is requiring a new system for tracking and patient contact. Fisdap recommendations are as follows. The student will go from completing a skill, to a scenario, to an application and being a team leader and running the whole scenario. Beth's recommendation is using the Fisdap numbers that are recommended. The program can't go lower than those numbers recommended, but can go higher. Lena Rohrbaugh, stated we should just mimic what we have been doing. Beth asked for a motion. Lena stated she will motion this. Mark Belden asked all those in favor. Yes. Anyone opposed, no. This will begin with the new cohort.

6. Substantive Changes-

- Beth Watt resigned as the Program Director/ Lead Instructor. Dennis Roberts stated there is an interview today and another one next week with new candidates. The start date for the Paramedic Program was going to be October 22nd, but now the Program will begin on November 5th. Dennis Roberts stated that Beth Watt was an unbelievable resource during the transition.
- Dr. Zittel resigned as Medical Director.
- Lena Rohrbaugh stated she had a discussion with Dennis Roberts when Beth Watt resigned. The intent of original NCTI/COS partnership was for COS to receive NCTI's resources for accreditation as there was a community need. Now COS can run their own program. Everything is in place for accreditation standards with the College. The College does not need to pay the extra money to NCTI, it would be better to invest in the program and maybe higher wages for the Instructors. AMR is committed to learning, which NCTI is a part of AMR, and a good partner with the College. The program CoAEMSP site survey coming, NCTI is willing to help that Instructor to prepare for accreditation and NCTI still wants to be involved with our Advisory Board and any help, free of charge. NCTI is only a phone call away.
- NCTI is still processing all of the training for COS through the American Heart Association and will still will be supporting the hospitals.

7. Other Identified Strengths-

- The College has money which is Perkins.
- We have money to purchase another monitor.

- Beth Watt spoke with ISimulate and inquired about a 12 lead monitor. The 12 lead costs \$10,000. If you send back your old unit, it would only cost \$4,000.
- Discussion regarding Stethoscope and ISimulate and the Realiti.
- Christina will look into CCPT grant monies to see we could supplement additional fee's above and beyond Perkins monies, so we could keep what we have and purchase the 12 lead monitor.
- Discussion regarding \$15,000 for all requested items. Christina stated we will be having a budget meeting on Monday. Christina will add this as a priority the budget meeting. There is a guarantee of \$8,000.
- The board agreed: 1 Realti purchase for \$10,000, return one ISimulate and purchase 1 Realti for \$4000, and purchase the stethoscope
- Ambulances are working fabulous. Thank you Mark Belden. Power now wired to the ambulances.
- Students did a MCI scenario using the Fire Tower with Captain Wilson's permission. The students mimicked the Oakland Rave Fire. The Fire Academy was going on at the same time. The Fire Academy Instructor asked if the students could help with this scenario and it turned out really well. Discussion regarding this scenario and how well it went.

8. Other Identified Weaknesses-

- No Instructor. Mark Belden inquired about the Lab Instructors. Beth Watt will sit down with Dennis Roberts and coordinate this. It might be challenging getting some lab Instructors this year. The Lab Instructors have never had a raise since 2001. They have had a decrease, but not a raise. Lab Instructors could be on an interim position level. Discussion regarding this further.

9. Action Plan for Improvement-

- None

10. Other Business-

Grant Manager Update. Perkins receives some federal funds at the College to support our CTE programs. This is the Carl D. Perkins funding which is Federal money. Many requirements go along with CTE programs. In California, Career and Tech need to hold Advisory Council for our programs and in order to receive Perkins funding for our CTE programs, there has to be an Advisory Council. Part of the requirement for Perkins funding is once a year, Christina will come and discuss what Perkins is and the intent of who is supposed to be providing this information to the program. Handout and Discussion regarding Perkins. Perkins receives approximately, \$60,000 every year, which supports all of the CTE programs. This is to improve and expand the programs. Perkins is not used to maintain the CTE programs. Perkins looked at EMS and ADJ this year and that's what they will use funding for. Perkins looks at how we are working with local High Schools and transitioning students into Community Colleges through pathways. Perkins also looks at employment, through degrees and certificates. Perkins also looks at Special Population. Handout and discussion regarding Special Population. How are we reducing those barriers? We are supposed to have representatives on the Advisory Council and Christina will speak with the new Coordinator regarding this and work with them as to who might fill this role.

- Round Table discussion, regarding PTSD. Mark Belden mentioned any opportunity to bring in peer counselors to discuss the newer techniques would be huge. Shasta County is struggling with this because of the Carr, Delta and Hertz Fires and many other Fires in town. Not only Fires, Oroville spillway, and shootings. This should be at the forefront, we are becoming more of an all hazards and we need to support this. Discussion regarding this further.
- Discussion regarding intubations. Mercy Redding won't let students do intubations. Students can do intubations at Shasta Regional. Rogue Regional and Providence won't allow students to be in the Operation Room this year. These students went through Shasta Regional. Accreditation standards do not require live intubation, you can do a high fidelity simulation. Mercy Mt. Shasta will allow students and St. Elizabeth's will allow the students to do intubations. If we get grant funding, the College could get a cadaver lab, that the Medical Director could run and everyone could do multiple intubations on a cadaver.
- Lena presented flowers for Beth Watt for all that she has done and a plaque for appreciation, because she's amazing and she's probably saved a million lives and doesn't even realize it because of all the students she's trained. Beth has worked here at College of the Siskiyou for 23 years. Teaching Paramedic has been 18 years and if you add EMT, another 5 years. Beth Watt thanked everyone for their support and everyone thanked her.
- Graduation will be held tonight at 6:00pm in the Theater.

11. Next Meeting-

- Next Advisory Meeting will be on April of 2019. Mark Belden stated, we as a committee should set a date.
- April 19th at 3:00pm will be the next Advisory Meeting.
- Meeting is adjourned per Mark Belden.

