



**Shoreline Community College**

16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Shoreline, WA 98133

## **Dental Hygiene Program Advisory Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Room 2513 (2500 Bldg.)

### **Minutes**

**In attendance:** Rosie Bellert, Melinda Lane, Nikki Honey, Hanna Krupa, Katie Fleming, Dr. Mark Simons, Dr. Jerry Becker, Dan Fey, Debbie Puetz, Deborah McGlynn-Chiu, Anita Rodriguez, Clydene Evans-Wenzel.

**Approval of Minutes of October 2013 meeting**—minutes approved with no changes

### **Program Update and Status Report/Discussion**

#### **Accreditation Visit May 20 and 21**

It was announced that the Advisory Board Breakfast Meeting (instead of lunch) scheduled Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 am, location to be announced. The location will most likely be on campus on the Automotive Dept, Rm 2121 and catered by on campus catering.

#### **Personnel**

1<sup>st</sup> year part time position of Kim McLaren is leaving and Val Gagnon will be taking her place, Masters in Adult Training, minor in performance management. Patrick Kintner has taken Dr. Bob Wadlin's position as supervising DDS in second year clinic.

#### **Student success board results**

LA boards- all but two completed and passed

Resto boards—4 student took in March and passed

National boards-student took during spring break some are hearing back right now

Prophy and resto boards- June during graduation weekend

#### **DH Applications**

Rosie expressed concerns of the current applicant pool, is lower than any time in the SCC DH program history. Typically the program has 130-150 applicants, last year 85 and this year 48 with only 32 qualified applicants. Other WA programs have notice the steady decline in applicants the past two to three years. This is a significant drop for SCC and Bellingham program...15 applicants for 10 positions. The 32

qualified applicants had good interviews and the interview committee agreed they would accept any of the applicants.

Discussion ensued about what the program may be able to do to increase applicants. Dr. Simons the potential of joining Job Fairs on campus or in the community, Nikki Honey agreed we need to do more outreach. Deborah McGlynn-Chiu suggested making changes to the website to inform applicants more about current trends in hygiene. Debbie Puetz suggests adding job placement statistics and high success rate with job placement.

### **NW Educators conference**

Faculty attended this conference the past weekend in Spokane, discussion of Mid-Level providers, self-regulation of RDH's and Access to Care issues were discussed. The fact that more community colleges will be offering Bachelor Degrees in Dental Hygiene seems to be the trend. So far Seattle Central just started the BA in April 2014. Pierce and Clark are in the process of getting approval. SCC program is interested, Dan Fey said this may be good timing since one program is in the process of applying and will make it easier when DH wants to go forward the BA plans.

### **Study Abroad Proposal for Bolivia 2015**

Lisa Libassi and Rosie Bellert have applied for Shoreline Study Aboard to bring nursing and dental hygiene students to Bolivia. We will find out by the end of May.

### **Centralized Application System**

Shoreline considering registering with ADHA Centralized Application System, it is free to the college; all applicants apply with one application that is customized to each program. The process does all the evaluation of courses to be transferred, with exception of a few that the director may have to evaluate. It would potentially bring in more students from other states because students see other schools in the listing when submitting their application. Rosie will be looking into the process of making this change.

### **Equipment and Supplies**

A copy of a letter written by the restorative dentists to the Director of the DH program expressing the restorative dentists concerns with student fabricating and delivering mouth guards was distributed to the committee. The dentists concerns were explained in detail in the letter. Hanna explained the history of the inception of students fabricating mouth guards, one reason being increase in production for the clinic during the budget cuts. Dr. Simons agreed with the concerns and after discussion the consensus was to discontinue the fabrication of mouth guard in the clinic. The student could still fabricate bleach trays which would give them practice with taking impression and pouring up models.

### **Training and Development**

The program is continuing to implement more requirement with use of electronic records to train students both manual and electronic records. Rosie mentioned that the program is considering Dentrix Voice Pro, to be able to perform perio charts with voice activated device. Debbie Puetz said she had used this and wasn't happy with the results. She has used the foot activated Rat and found it to be more

accurate. The concerns for noise levels in the clinic were discuss also. The program plans to try out the devices before making a decision to purchase for all units.

### **Budget**

The program budgets 1L16 clinic budget; 1L18 the student lab fee budget; 1L02the dental hygiene general budget show no concern at this time.

### **Other: Smiles for Veterans**

- Provided \$15,000 of dental treatment, many volunteers, donations, 140 handmade quilts donated, there were several problems we ran into during and after the event and will not be hosting anymore. SCC has decided to discontinue hosting this event due to miscommunication with volunteers about clinic instrument and equipment use, post-operative care confusion, and RX of pain meds on SCC DH prescription pads. Several patients call the clinic several months after the event with pain and post op problems. Prior to the event discussion of these concerns was specifically communicated and agreed that SCC would not be able to take care of these patient post event.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Adjournment: 8:15 PM