



Shoreline Community College

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HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2012

MEMBERS

Kay Andersen, Jill Burrington-Brown, Tim Downie, *Carol Garsi, Nancy Gladish, *Sheila Green-Shook, Bev Hillinger, Jean Iverson, Laura Koster, Jean Kreibeil, Susan Lingle, Sean Longosky, Jim Mazurk, *Toni McKay, * Kathleen Peterson for Gretchen Murphy, Carol Quinsey, *Nicole Tamrakar,

Steve Van Anda, Nancy Weir, Donna Wilde, Shari Wilson

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

*Ellen Cadwell, *Gloria Anderson, Gillian Lewis, David Cunningham

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

UNION REPRESENTATIVE

Union representative seat open – no candidates available

*Members Present

1. WELCOME

The meeting was convened at 1430 hours

Members were welcomed by Sheila Green-Shook, Chair

The Fall 2011 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. Program Status

Ellen Cadwell provided the committee with the program overview

a) Metrics: 2011-2012 Academic Year Spring Report

- 32 second year students – 28 Greater Seattle, 1 Washington State, 3 out of state
- 0 Summer 2011 graduates
- 2 Fall graduates
- 2 2nd year students received MCRS Fall
- 29 HIT students to graduate June 2012

- 1 will graduate December 2012
- 2 HIT students dropped by end of Spring 2012
- 130 first year students (Full and Part-time) Fall
 - 9 Fall MCRS graduates
 - 120 first year students (Full and Part-time) Spring
- As of 5/10/12 33 students have applied for the year 2 HIT program
- We have assisted 245 individuals interested in our program thus far for this academic year.

b) RHIT Exam Results

None to report at this time

3. Medical Coding and Reimbursement Specialist Program – Gloria Anderson

- a. Current status – AHIMA suspends Coding Program Approvals – AHIMA suspended coding program approvals in February 2012. New applicants for approval are put on hold and existing programs have been given an extension for renewals. The SCC Coding program was due for renewal in July 2012. This has been put on hold until December 31, 2012. There was little explanation given except that AHIMA was looking to revamp the programs. One thought put forth by Donna Wilde was that AHIMA was considering transitioning the program to be at least an RHIT program rather than a certificate. The AHIMA site will be monitored for more information.
- b. Request for new medical records follow-up – Gloria thanked the facilities that had agreed to provide current medical records for the program. Several facilities have used PPE students to redact and scan the records. All records are being re-reviewed at Shoreline to ensure patient privacy and then will be finalized by Gloria. A big “Thank You” to all of you for helping us keep our coursework up to date.
- c. ICD-10 Delay Program Response – The SCC program moved to teaching ICD-10 in January 2012. The government announced, about the same time, that they may delay the implementation of ICD-10 due to providers not being ready. At the time of this meeting, the government had not set a new date for implementation. We will continue to monitor the government’s decision and act accordingly for teaching our coding courses.

A general discussion ensued on how providers were going to implement ICD-10. Early projections for productivity reduction were 25%. More recent projections are 50% loss of productivity during the early stages of implementation. Medical Centers are now looking at Computer Assisted Coding. Job descriptions will change to meet the upcoming documentation and quality requirements.

Another issue will be where to start new coders in jobs. With the implementation of the electronic medical record and coders working at home, it will become more problematic to

train new coders. There will most likely be two tracts, Ambulatory or Inpatient. It was also felt that there will need to be a 10 year transition for coders knowing both ICD-9 and ICD-10.

4. **Clark College, Vancouver, WA – 1+1 Articulation Agreement Follow-up** – Ellen reported that the Articulation Agreement was finalized between SCC and Clark. Three students will be transferring from the Clark program to SCC for the 2nd year of our program.
5. **Professional Practice Experience (PPE) for HIT** – Ellen
 - a. Volumes – To date 33 students have applied for the 2nd year HIT program. It is anticipated this number will grow to approximately 40.
 - b. New “Virtual Course” - It is becoming more difficult to place students at traditional clinical sites for practicum. This is due to the increase in the number of students in the HIT field, facilities either outsourcing functions, sending staff home, and departmental commitments to bringing on new software/hardware. AHIMA has recognized this issue and has suggested the use of a “Virtual Course/Classroom experience for students. They still recommend that students be assigned to traditional clinical sites but also will allow the use of alternative sources. We have been working on creating a list of alternative projects such as Medicare online training, interviews and internet information mining. This is a work in process but will need to grow as traditional clinical sites become more difficult to identify.
6. **RHIT Track Models** – Ellen – AHIMA is recommending that HIT educational programs develop specialization tracts to meet the future needs of the profession. SCC is looking at having 2-3 tracts: Coding, Cancer Registry and Post Acute Care. The coding is in place and the UW has committed a student to look at the Post Acute Care tract this summer. We also potentially have another student available to look at the need of a Cancer Registry tract. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
7. **Prerequisite Discussion Math 80 Elementary Algebra versus Basic Math** – Ellen – As we have been reviewing our prerequisites and wanted verification from the committee if Math 80 was the minimum math requirement for the program. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Math 80 should be the minimum math requirement. It prepares the student for statistical analysis and report reading that they will need in their futures.
8. **Other** – Ellen – The University of Washington has announced that the Washington Board of Regents had approved a new Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management degree beginning in Fall Quarter 2012.

It was also suggested that for the meetings a phone in option be provided. Ellen will investigate.

The next Advisory Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 8, 2012 at 1430 hours.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1600 hours.