



Shoreline Community College
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Medical laboratory Technology (MLT) Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Monday November 16, 2015 – 4:00-5:00pm
Room 2327 - Health Occupations, 2300 Building**

Present: Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Mary Rickel, Kelly Johnson, James Nakasone, Ann McGrew, Linda Breiwick Cathy Otto, Jackie Degler, Dan Fey

Absent: Soraya Aalami, Tina Carpenter, Roy Antiquiera, Dorothy Canavan, Kristin Engstrom, Shelly Lankford

Mary Rickel, Chair, opened the meeting at 4:05pm. Mary welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their support.

Dean Cathy Otto gave an update on the College Accreditation. The college is in mid cycle in this process and our Health Occupation Division is doing well and we normally collect most of the data needed for this process for our own accreditations.

Molly spoke about the NAACLS accreditation Self Study which was completed this summer. This process was all online and information and final document was submitted on a flash drive to the NAACLS committee. After review, dates and times will be scheduled for the site visit which will be late winter or early spring quarter. The committee will also meet with students and may wish to meet with advisory committee members.

Molly and Linda spoke about the Linda Breiwick MLT Program Scholarship. There is \$3,700 in the fund and Linda will review how many scholarships and the amount to be given for each. We will work to target students who may be in need of scholarship money. Cathy Otto also mentioned the ASCLS Education & Research Scholarships stating that applications are usually due in March.

We would like to hold another program event and fund raiser for scholarships. We might have a breakfast event again with a speaker. Tentatively planning for Fall 2016 for this event.

2015-2016 Student numbers

Phlebotomy: There are 9 students completing phlebotomy classes and they will complete a 4 week clinical practicum during Winter quarter. Mary is setting up the training schedules this week.

MLT students: There are 17 full time and 2 part time MLT students (one part time will complete this year and one next year). Students are admitted based on the number of complete training rotations. We need a few more microbiology training sites to complete Hematology and Chemistry training commitments.

Molly also spoke of challenges with the CHI Franciscan hospitals as they stated that they would be able to assign training schedules 6-8 weeks prior to training. Shorelines MLT Program accepts students if clinical sites commit to MLT training in June for the following spring and fall. We want to explore ways to work with CHI partnership and meet our accreditation requirements of accepting students knowing that we have clinical training sites to train.

Molly reviewed data for two years (2012-2014) from employer feedback surveys. Overall, students are doing well at practicum training. One suggestion for improvement is more emphasis on quality control procedures. We will include more QC and QA classroom activities.

Committee member feedback

James stated Swedish Hospital- Edmonds has just completed a new emergency room which Molly and Linda have visited. He also noted that they were pleased with their Shoreline MLT students and felt they were well prepared for practicums.

Jackie Degler said that Bloodworks Northwest is changing hiring practices to hire employees with Bachelor degrees. This would impact Associate degree MLT graduates who would be eligible after completing a bachelor degree. Many of our MLT students already have bachelors and would be eligible to employment. MLT associate degree students currently working at Bloodworks Northwest will be encouraged to complete an online MLS Program. Students will then be eligible to take the SBB exam.

Ann stated that the downtown Swedish Hospital complex will be beginning a new expansion over the next few years to build two towers with new clinical laboratory space. Project could begin in two years and be completed in 4 years.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, and no suggestions for changes or additions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm