



Shoreline Community College

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MLT Program Advisory Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 7, 2012
Board Room, Building 1000

Present: Dorothy Canavan, Ann McGrew, James Nakasone, Jackie Degler, Linda Breiwick, Sue Seegers, Molly Morse, Mary Rickel, Shelley Lankford, and Gillian Lewis.

Meeting was opened at 4pm by Molly Morse.

1. Linda reported that the **“Linda Breiwick MLT Program Scholarship”** was awarded through Shoreline CC Foundation. Student Aliina Elliott was the recipient of the **\$1,000** scholarship. Linda said that she is very pleased that we were able to offer a \$1000 scholarship because tuition is \$1,333 per quarter. Aliina is currently doing her practicum training at Whidbey General Hospital.

Shoreline Foundation Award Ceremony was May 16th to honor scholarship winners. The event was held in the PUB and catered by Chartwells. Tonya Drake, Dean of Students, was the emcee and the event was well planned and organized. Many family members attended to recognize scholarship winners.

2. **HECO Summary**

Linda Breiwick gave a brief report on her activities as MLT Program HECO Coordinator. HECO is a Healthcare Education Career Opportunity grant received for five colleges to enhance enrollment and career ladder opportunities in phlebotomy, clinical laboratory assistant and MLT pathways for laboratory medicine. NCA and nursing was also included in the grant. The colleges working together were Everett Comm. College, Bellingham Technical College, Cascadia Comm. College, Edmonds Comm. College and Shoreline Comm. College.

Shoreline CC MLT Program was in the process of developing plans to admit either increased MLT students or a separate cohort. Linda Breiwick worked with Molly Morse to target MLT students who currently work in healthcare facilities as a phlebotomist or clinical laboratory assistant and have completed a majority of their MLT Program prerequisites. The focus was to contact employers who do not usually train MLT students, and see if they would be willing to train an employee. There were six students that meet these qualifications. We saw this as a win-win for the facility and student.

3. **Professional Technical Program Update**

David Cunningham was not able to attend the meeting. Gillian Lewis, Health Occupations Dean, reported that the MLT Program was being reviewed, and letters from clinical facilities last fall made a significant impact on Shoreline Administration. The importance of the program to the community was demonstrated. Professional Technical Programs are important because graduates are getting jobs, and numbers of students are taking prerequisite courses for these programs.

Gillian mentioned resources available to students through navigators to Neighborhood House. They link students to resources other than funding.

There was some discussion regarding sending MLT flyer to clinical facilities to recruit phlebotomists and clinical laboratory assistants.

4. College Financial Update

Gillian Lewis announced that the college was originally slated for an \$8.5 million dollar reduction. The current update is that the reduction now stands at \$1.5 million from state funds. The college currently receives less than 50% funding though the state. The college is challenged to be creative and find other sources of funding. Student tuition will increase next year to help compensate for a decrease in state funds.

Gillian reported that a new grant writer has been hired at Shoreline, and it's a good time to request funding.

5. MLT Program Reunion

Molly Morse reported that a preliminary meeting was held prior to the MLT Advisory meeting to talk about organizing a Shoreline MLT Program Reunion event. The purpose of the event would be to celebrate the longevity to the MLT Program, graduates and clinical facilities who have contributed to the successful training of MLT students.

The business intern was not able to be involved with the project during the summer. We will see if we can get another business intern next year. The event would be held at either the PUB (student union building on campus) or the new Shoreline City Center near 185th and Aurora. Linda suggested having Cathy Otto, ASLCS-President be a Key Note speaker, and Molly commented that PACE credit could be arranged for the event. MLT scholarship winners could be recognized, and invite past faculty and directors.

Molly agreed to look into some event planning information such as cost for room rental and catering at both locations.

6. MLT Program Update

Prerequisite changes for MLT 181 and MLT 182 Introduction to Medical Laboratory Procedures have been changed to require Biol&211 Cell Biology and Chem&121. Sue Seegers reported that students are registering for MLT 181 and MLT 182 without these prerequisites, and classes fill up. Then students who have completed MLT prerequisites are not able to enroll in the course. She also reported that students need these courses to be better prepared.

Clinical facilities were contacted in April to return 2013 Training Agreements. We accept students into the MLT Program based on the number of complete training rotations in Hematology, Chemistry, Microbiology and Phlebotomy. We anticipate being able to admit 21 students and two part time students.

2011 MLT graduate survey was sent to 19 students and 9 surveys were returned. Gillian Lewis commented that a 50% return was very good. Molly commented that the graduate survey is a

NAACLS accreditation requirement, and students are reminded prior to graduation to expect a graduate survey. Molly summarized the survey results:

2011 MLT Graduates:

Total students enrolled: 24 (4 part time students)

Students dropping: 1/24

Students enrolled completing 2011: 23

Total students graduating: 21 / 23 = 91%

AAAS Degree: 11/23 = 47.8%

Certificate of Proficiency: 12/23 = 52.2%%

graduates taking MLT ASCP Exam: 19 / 21 = 90.5%

Pass ASCP exam on first attempt: 17 / 19 = 89.5% (national average about 75-78%)

Pass ASCP exam on second attempt: 1/1 (other student has not retaken yet)

7. Phlebotomy Program Update

Sue Seegers reported that two classes of Phlebotomy students were accepted in 2012. Fall 2011/Winter 2012 admitted 12 students and Spring / Summer 2012 admitted 10 students who will complete in September 2012. Phlebotomy Completers 2011:

A criminal history background check is the first screening of accepted students. She mentioned that vaccinations requirements are requested before registration permission is given.

8. MLT Program

2012 MLT class has 21 students. Four of the 21 students are part time with 2 students completing in 2012.

Clinical Facilities: We currently have 21 full rotations to accept MLT students for 2013. We will have a new facility PeaceHealth Laboratory at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham training a student. We are still waiting for a few 2013 Training Agreements to be returned.

9. Old business: None

10. New business: None

Meeting was adjourned by Mary Rickel, MLT Advisory Committee Chair at 5pm.

Submitted by Molly Morse