

Skyline College
Respiratory Therapy Program Community College Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2015

In attendance:

Skyline faculty and administrators, clinical site managers, clinical preceptors, medical director, and guests: Suad Husary, Paul Roggero, Monte Schachner, John Kelly, Joe Rice, Jim Harvey, Karsten Roberts, Heather Esparza, Scott Kawamura, Linda Feist, Ben Fernandez, Elena Wong, Ai Le, Karsten Roberts, Ramona Burke, Eric Tomlinson, Nanette Solvason, Brenda Hanning, Sara Perkin, Deborah Gilley, Melissa Dayao, Theresa Bonilla, Edward Saciba, Ijaz Ahmed, Brian Daniel, Ray Hernandez, Gordon Mak, MD, Lee Guion (Chair, Recording)

21 First and Second Year RT Program students

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Review of minutes from last meeting Introductions and welcome	Minutes approved	Minutes of past meetings posted on Skyline website
Continuing business: Enrollment (Dr. Ijaz)	Current enrollment: 21 First Year students. 22 Second Year students. (We are approved for 25 + 3, given clinical site opportunities.) The enrollment & selection process strives to be open and fair utilizing a lottery system for all qualified candidates. Priority is given to qualified students who were not admitted through the lottery system in the past.	Dr. Ijaz will continue to inform committee of enrollment & attrition with the goal of maintaining or improving positive outcomes for all students.
Budget update (Ray)	The budget situation for Skyline College is stable. Primary funding comes through San Mateo County property taxes with additional categorical funding from the State. There is a new funding model that no longer puts FTEs first. Funding will now be based on baseline dollars of the 3 San Mateo community colleges (Canada, Skyline and College of San Mateo) plus demonstrated needs and demonstrated self sufficiency. There has been more support for the purchase of technical equipment.	Ray will continue to keep committee members informed of the financial health of Skyline College and RT Program.
Clinical rotations (Brian)	Our 43 students are now in clinical rotations. There continues to be a strong sense of community among the students. Ensuring quality rotations is key to a successful Respiratory Care program. One example is the pediatric rotation with Skyline graduate Heather Esparza, RRT, RCP. Classroom experience now includes a “debriefing” section in which classroom discussion reinforces the clinical experience. Off-site rotations include increased subacute unit options.	Brian will continue to report on student clinical experience and addition of new clinical sites with the goal of maintaining or improving the quality of clinical experiences for all students.

<p>Student reports (Gaylord Garcia)</p> <p>AARC/CSRC/NBRC/RCB updates (Dr. Ijaz)</p> <p>Goals of Respiratory Care Program at Skyline College (Dr. Ijaz)</p> <p>New Business (Dr. Ijaz, Ray H, Sara Perkin (VP of Instruction at Skyline), Nanette Solvason and Brenda Hanning (Dental Hygiene program at Foothill College)</p> <p>BS in Respiratory Care at Skyline (background)</p>	<p>RT Club plans for Spring Semester 2015: Students will now sport new uniforms with Skyline RT Program arm patch and new ID badges. Faculty member Heather Esparza donated \$200 towards the cost of these upgrades. Second year students are refining CCU skills. All students are expanding community service and increasing leadership skills and professionalism. Looking forward to Tahoe Conference.</p> <p>Report of January 2015 updates for targeted tidal volumes and plateau pressures for adults on mechanical ventilation.</p> <p>To train effective respiratory care practitioners for successful employment in the community.</p> <p>Background: (Ray) The move toward offering Baccalaureate degree programs in California community colleges started 2 years ago and gained momentum. There is precedent in 21 States throughout US. It required a change in the CA Community College Master Plan. Process: Assessment of gaps in what community colleges can offer, how they can meet local industry needs, and partner with 4 year universities. (Sara Perkin) The 15 pilot program slots were highly competitive, and 5 were awarded in health care, 2 in Respiratory Care (Skyline and Modesto Jr. College). There were 34 applicants. Reviewers were very impressed with the Respiratory Care profession. These programs plan to collaborate in developing their BS degrees. (Nanette Solvason and Brenda Hanning) Are excited about the BS in Dental Hygiene at Foothill but the details have yet to be worked out. They are looking at a “completers” program for former graduates with AS degrees so they can obtain a BS degree.</p> <p>(Ray) The vision and process of finally obtaining this pathway to BS degrees speaks to the quality of education at our community colleges. What is unsettled is our future pathway options and approaches going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS in Respiratory Care only; or • Acceptance into the BS degree program if applicant has an AS degree from a CoARC-accredited program with transferrable courses. <p>Who has priority for entrance into BS in Respiratory Care Program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates from regional community college Respiratory Care programs (Skyline, Foothill, Ohlone, Hartnell, Napa); • Current practitioners of Respiratory Care (RCPs) who need a BS degree to move into leadership/management positions. (There are 21,000 RCPs in CA, 2/3 of which has AS degrees.) 	<p>Find fundraising and community volunteer opportunities that allow for continued education and promotion of the profession of Respiratory Care.</p> <p>Dr. Ijaz will continue to keep student and faculty informed.</p> <p>Affirmed by faculty, administrators, advisory committee members, and students</p>
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