

Central Service Technology Program

Advisory Committee Minutes: October 15, 2015

Present:

Nick Musumeci, CRCST, Lucile Packard
Linda Breadmont, CRCST, LPCH
Andy Gerlett, CRCST, El Camino
Cecilio Arañez, CRCST, Kaiser Santa Clara
Ijaz Ahmed, MD, RRT, Allied Health Super.
Alice Erskine, RN, Chair, Surg. Careers Dept.

Julie Cahn, RN, LPCH
Tom Klick, CRCST, Palo Alto Med Found.
Christine Chavez, CRCST, Valley Care
Joe Muraski, RN, Stanford
Jay Olivares, CST, RN, Clinical Coord.

Call to Order: Linda Breadmont, Program Director of the Central Service Technology Program opened with introductions.

Status of the Program:

1. Clinical Training

All but 4 students have either completed their internships or are still in progress. Following the resignation of a previous employee, the coordination of the clinical training has been a collaboration between Linda, Nick, Joe and Alice. The Surgical Careers Center now welcomes **Jay Olivares, CST, RN**, as the new Clinical Coordinator. His role will be to monitor the contracts with the clinical sites, obtain placements, and facilitate student clearances.

2. Graduation

The Class of 2015 will celebrate their graduation on November 5, 2015 at 6:00 pm in Building 6, Room 202. All Committee members are invited. It is expected that 22 students will graduate from the program this year.

3. New Cohort

The application deadline was October 15 for the 2016 cohort. Per Dr. Ahmed, 28 applications have been received. He expects there will be more coming from the Admissions office and the Mail Room in the next few days. This is the lowest number in many years. It was determined the deadline should not be extended because it has been published and potential applicants who were discouraged from applying due to the lateness of their application would find it unfair. The Orientation for the new cohort will be November 9.

Proposed: Dr. Ahmed proposed that all applicants, regardless of their status as a current Skyline students, shall be subject to the lottery selection. *Approved by all members.*

4. Marketing

Tom Klick inquired about marketing the program. Dr. Ahmed announced there would be a Student Panel Discussion open to all students interested in careers in Allied Health. Students from the current Central Service Program are expected to participate on the panel along with Surgical Technology and Respiratory Care students. Alice Erskine has been invited to present to various organizations and schools to introduce careers in Central Service as well as Surgical Technology.

5. Certification

Linda Breadmont surveyed the members present about the preference of certifications as qualification for hiring. All but one institution accepts either certification by the Certifying Board of Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD) or by the International Association of Hospital Central Service Materials Management (IAHCSMM). One hospital is in the process of requiring certification for hire.

6. Joint Commission Update

Linda surveyed the members regarding the latest in the Joint Commission's requirements and federal regulation of scope processing. PAMF has competencies each staff member must meet to be able to process scopes. They have a policy requiring a scope to be reprocessed if it has not been used in 5 days. Another facility requires a CS tech to possess one year's experience before they are allowed to process scopes. Kaiser Santa Clara has a team of techs devoted to processing scopes with a Scope Coordinator overseeing the team. LPCH hired a former Joint Commission surveyor to prepare her staff regarding scope processing prior to the site visit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Erskine