



RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: March 21, 2014

Glacier Hall 150

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Tom Ankeny, John Basile, Patrick Bettencourt, Carla Espinoza, Valerie Fisher, Joe Garcia, Bonnie Hunt, Margareth Hutcheson-Paris, Phil Labrador, Mary Martinez, BreeAnn Nance, Julie Pontorolo-Evans, Alan Roth, Robert Tanaka

	ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
⇒	Welcome and Introductions		Phil Labrador
⇒	Action to remove probation and reaffirm accreditation status for MJC As of February 2014, MJC has been removed from probation. A midterm report is due October 2014. Phil Labrador sent official notification to CoARC.		Patrick Bettencourt
⇒	<p>Comments from the Central Region Deputy Sector Navigator Valerie Fisher spoke about trends in respiratory care programs statewide. MJC and Fresno City College are the only two community colleges in California with respiratory care programs. The need for respiratory therapists statewide is increasing; however, entry level openings are not in acute care. There is a transition to a care model in which acute care facilities contract with long-term care facilities in hopes of reducing readmission rates. Respiratory care is moving from an acute care model with experienced therapists as respiratory therapy case managers to an outpatient preventative care model.</p> <p>The Health Workforce Initiative is conducting a telephone survey about employment in the central valley in acute care, long-term care, and clinics.</p> <p>There is a bill before a CoARC subcommittee regarding offering a BS degree in respiratory care when there is the ability to do so. A community college can offer a BS degree. They already offer ¾ of the courses for a BS degree so it would just take an additional year to earn the BS degree. Loma Linda offers the only BS degree in Respiratory Care at a California community college. CSUs don't have the capacity to offer the BS degree. The problem is graduates pass boards, but they do not have the experience. All who have CRT before 1/2015 can keep license if have CRT from another state prior to 1/2015 can keep license. Alan Roth will be attending a board meeting in Los Angeles in two weeks and he will keep us apprised of this discussion.</p>		Valerie Fisher, RN, MA



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⇒	<p>Update on MJC Graduate Success (CRT Exam, RRT Exam, Employment) In December 2013, 21 students completed the MJC Respiratory Care Program. Fourteen graduates took boards, 13 passed boards, 93% pass rate. In December 2012, the pass rate was 86%. American River College has a 90-100% pass rate. Kaplan has a 70% pass rate. Positive placement over the past three years is 77%. MJC graduates tend to find employment through clinical rotations.</p>		<p>Phil Labrador</p>
⇒	<p>Follow-up on suggestions for improving the clinical evaluation process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical staff email Phil or Bonnie regarding student performance issues. The assessment sheet is being used as a guide for student performance. • Report card system allowing clinical directors to follow up with Phil or Bonnie – The report card system is not being used. It was suggested that our program create a report card for our students who are getting ready to graduate. • Check with HR to see if students may be allowed temporary access to “view only” patient information • Using two WOWs to see if a respiratory therapist and student can view a patient’s information at the same time from two different WOWs. Can have multiple logons from two WOWs on the same patient. In order for students to have access to patient information on a WOW, the student would need competency training and must be co-signed by a clinical respiratory therapist. 		<p>Phil Labrador Bonnie Hunt Dave Plantier</p>



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⇒	<p>Update on increasing number of clinical sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Valley Specialty Hospital The hospital is just getting started. It is not doing well enough yet to serve as a clinical site for our students. Many patients are returning to the ER. • Doctors Medical Center, Manteca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Plantier will speak with Doug about DMC, Manteca serving as a clinical site. 	<p align="center">Dave Plantier</p> <p align="center">Phil Labrador</p> <p align="center">Dave Plantier</p>
⇒	<p>Update on possibility of offering a sleep technician program</p> <p>There are a few programs in the area. There is no need for an additional program at this time. Dr. Tanaka is in favor of at-home sleep studies. He advised that the respiratory care curriculum keep skills up so that students will be able to work with patients at home.</p>		<p>Phil Labrador</p>
⇒	<p>Update on MJC ADN program offering a critical care course summer 2014.</p> <p>The ADN critical care course is not exactly what Phil had in mind. He would like to see a course designed specifically for respiratory therapy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course will not be offered until summer 2015 at the earliest. 	
	NEW ITEMS		
⇒	<p>Refresher Course</p> <p>Should be offered in the classroom setting, not online. Could be offered credit/no credit through Community Education. A transition course would be OK, but employers would need to commit to hiring.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the possibility of offering a refresher course. 	<p>Phil Labrador</p>



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⇒	<p>Changes in the clinical clearance process Our clinical clearance process provides each clinical site with a spreadsheet listing all immunizations required by the clinical contract between the clinical site and YCCD. The results of the background check and the drug screen are confidential.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kendis will review clinical contracts in May and prepare a sample spreadsheet and attestation page and provide each clinical site rep with copies for review. Hopefully a standard format/process will be agreed upon by all clinical sites. 	<p align="center">Kendis Bettencourt</p>
⇒	<p>NBRC single examination scheduled for 2015 Our December 2014 graduates will be the first to take the single exam. There are two cut scores: the low cut score is for the CRT and the higher cut score is for the RRT. The NBRC and CoARC are not on the same page regarding this examination. There is a practice exam with a new matrix on the NBRC website.</p>		<p align="center">Phil Labrador</p>
⇒	<p>Discussion about adding a pharmacology course to the Respiratory Care program curriculum Bonnie talked about the need to strengthen the pharmacology content in the respiratory care program's curriculum. Currently students have to go out of the area or maybe online for a pharmacology course. Bonnie suggested creating a pharmacology course that could be offered in the summer along with pathology content.</p>		<p align="center">Bonnie Hunt</p>
⇒	<p>Pay It Forward Fund – Allied Health emergency fund administered through the MJC Foundation Allied Health received a \$20,000 donation to assist Allied Health students in good standing with financial support needed to continue in one of our Allied Health programs. Students will be expected to pay back the loan with interest. The fund will be administered through the MJC Foundation.</p>		<p align="center">Bonnie Hunt</p>



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	<p>Preparing second year respiratory care students for the employment interview process Bonnie discussed the importance of preparing program graduates for success in the employment search and interview process. The committee discussed having an Interview Day, followed by a two-hour open forum. Joe Garcia and Margie Hutcheson-Paris volunteered to assist Phil and Bonnie with the mock interviews. Employment search skills, dress for success, resume writing and interview skills are vitally important especially given today's job market. It was also suggested that offering a short Saturday course on soft job skills, high and low level communication, could prove very valuable. Valerie Fisher might be able to fund this type of course through the Health Workforce Initiative. Understanding the importance of core behavior in the employment selection process is also important.</p>		<p>Bonnie Hunt</p>