

**MJC RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 SPRING SEMESTER 2015  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015  
 MJC WEST CAMPUS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Basile, Patrick Bettencourt, Carla Espinoza, Joe Garcia, Bonnie Hunt, Mary Martinez, BreeAnn Nancy, Kristen Nelson, David Perezelsky, Julie Pontorolo, Alan Roth, Dr. Robert Tanaka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Ankeney, David Bowlsby, Bruce Kennedy, Timothy Olvera, , Susan Trinchera, Adam Williams

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Martha Lee

**GUEST:**

**I. Call to Order: By: Bonnie Hunt At: 12:15 p.m.**

| TOPIC                         | FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS   | ACTION/FOLLOW-UP                        |
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| <b>II. Review of Minutes:</b> | Motion by Alan Roth and John Basile to approve 3-21-14 minutes with specified corrections.   | Martha will revise the 3-21-14 minutes. |
| <b>III. Announcements:</b>    |  |   |
| <b>IV. Old Business:</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Facilities Computer Access for Students</b><br/>           Joe Garcia advised that obtaining computer access for students in the clinical facilities is an issue that needs to be approved nationally by the home office. Student nurses have been approved nationally through this process and respiratory therapists will need to work through the same channels. Serner is the trend for hospitals. John Basile stated that currently with EPIC, students sign in but they are not officially logged into the system until a hospital staff member has co-signed for them.         </li> </ul> | Bonnie Hunt                             |
| <b>V. New Business</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>CoARC Respiratory Care Program Reviews</b><br/>           Bonnie Hunt reported that the MJC Respiratory Care Program has met all of CoARC's thresholds except for Employment/Job Placement. The threshold is 70% and MJC is at 69%.         </li> </ul>   |   |
|                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Pharmacology Course/Curriculum</b><br/>           John Basile reported that they have adopted a pharmacology text book. He circulated the text for the Advisory Committee members to review and provide feedback. The pharmacology course will be taught in the second semester of the first year. Anatomy physiology will be taught in the first semester of the first year. BreeAnn Nance, our first semester student rep asked if medical terminology could either be a prerequisite or an online course as part of first semester.         </li> </ul>  | John Basile                             |

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| <p>V. <b>New Business:<br/>continued</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Employment/Interview Preparation</b><br/>           Joe Garcia, John Basile, Tom Ankeney and Denise Wood conducted the mock interviews for second-year students. A rubric was used to evaluate the student interviews. Everyone felt the mock interviews were a valuable experience. Students also expressed an interest in getting help with resume preparation. The MJC Career Center will assist students with resume preparation. Julie Pontorolo recommended that questions about a clinical scenario be added to the mock interview. There is an algorithm for interviewers to use in evaluating a clinical scenario. Interviewers are looking for clinical skills, articulation and personality in selecting applicants for hire. Joe Garcia advised that the program needs to do a better job of integrating the professional standard of conduct throughout the program.</li> </ul>  | <p>Bonnie Hunt will contact the Career Center about assisting the students with resume preparation.</p> |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Graduate Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a new multiple test, but no list of completers yet.</li> <li>○ Three or four of the most recent 23 graduates have found employment; two in home health and one in Stanford's Internship Program for Respiratory Care. Three of MJC's graduates applied for Stanford's Internship and one was selected. Applicants needed to complete the Registry Exam before applying.</li> <li>○ Joe Garcia reported that he is hiring per diems every two to three months. He receives lots of out-of-state inquiries.</li> <li>○ Kaplan is still graduating 30 respiratory care students every three months. Out of 120 applicants at DMC, 70% are Kaplan graduates.</li> <li>○ David Perezelsky from Mercy Merced reported that they highly favor applicants who have had at least one clinical rotation in their facility. If an applicant is really outstanding, they will consider them above an applicant who has no experience at Mercy Merced. They also hire individuals who have received experience through a Registry Agency. Julie suggested asking Registry Agencies to provide feedback on their expectations for potential hires.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   |

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| <p>V. <b>New Business: continued</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baccalaureate Program</b><br/>           Bonnie Hunt showed the Advisory Committee the website, Frequently Asked Questions, and the feature allowing interested people to receive program information as it becomes available. Bonnie said that we're still waiting for more direction from the State Chancellor's Office. The program is to begin January, 2017. We are hoping the baccalaureate applicants will have some clinical experience before applying to the baccalaureate program. Bonnie said that the current design of the baccalaureate program is more didactic with online focus versus clinical experience. Discussed the possibility of creating three internships similar to Stanford's internships: management, research, education. Discussed the possibility of offering certification in specialty areas such as patient education for individuals who have been diagnosed with COPD, pneumonia, or congestive heart failure. Julie Pontorolo suggested we hire an experienced clinician to work with the baccalaureate students in clinical. Julie felt that we could offer a degree in management/administration or we could increase the therapists' clinical expertise, but not both. Hospital-based research should be in a baccalaureate program. Dave Perezelsky discussed the lean sigma approach to research currently utilized at Mercy Merced.<br/>           The Advisory Committee suggested:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allowing each clinical site that has supported our program to select one employee as a candidate for the baccalaureate program.</li> <li>2. Requiring up to five years of clinical experience and a RRT.</li> <li>3. Giving preference to applicants who completed the MJC A.S. in Respiratory Care.</li> <li>4. Giving CEUs for current work experience or RRT.</li> <li>5. MJC keeping in close contact with Skyline so that the baccalaureate programs are compatible. If MJC offers a degree with a management focus, Skyline might want to offer a degree with advanced clinical experience as the focus. Discuss standardizing the prerequisites and program curriculum.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> | <p>Bonnie Hunt</p> |

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| <b>V. New Business:<br/>continued</b> | 6. Clarify the scope of practice, Department of Public Health versus Title 22. The hospital has to say the Respiratory Therapist has been cleared to perform a certain procedure in their facility. Not every hospital looks at Title 22 the same.<br>Three main areas:<br>1) Sedation – RT’s role<br>2) Echmo – CO2 removal<br>3) Cardiopulmonary rehab – dialysis for carbon dioxide.<br>7. Educate the patient in the hospital, in the physician’s office, and in the community. |                  |
| <b>VI. Adjourn</b>                    | Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.  |                  |

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Lee*