

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 16, 2016**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Jenni Abbott; James Avery; John Basile; Dale Esguerra; Carla Espinoza; Janet Fantazia; Joe Garcia; Dr. Bonnie Hunt; Margareth Hutcheson-Paris; Mary Martinez; Alan Roth; Marianne Shaw; Dr. Robert Tanaka

I. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Review/Approval of 12/7/15 RCP Advisory Committee Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written by John Basile, seconded by Alan Roth.
All in favor.

II. Report – December 2015 Outcomes

See NBRC Annual School Summary (Report as of 6/14/2016)

III. Associate Degree Program Update

A. New start date

In order to align with the fall 2017 start date for the Respiratory Care baccalaureate program and to provide spring program graduates to fill openings during the summer months, MJC is proposing to begin the next Respiratory Care associate program in fall 2017. All Advisory Committee members were asked to express their approval/disapproval of the proposed new start date and all members expressed their approval.

B. Online Application

The Respiratory Care Program is creating an online application for the associate degree program beginning in fall 2017.

C. CoARC Update

1. Minimum Degree Requirement

In November of this year, CoARC is going to review, discuss and approve any proposed changes to the final draft of the minimum degree requirement proposal. Some states have legislation that allows a transition from an associate to a baccalaureate program, others states do not.

D. Curriculum review/updates – We reviewed classes and clinicals that will need to be remapped to accommodate the change with the start of the program.

IV. Baccalaureate Degree Program Update

A. ACCJC update

1. Standard II.A.5 Minimum 40 units Upper Division (UD) coursework (120 total units)
2. Standard II.A.12 at least 9 semester units Upper Division General Ed (UDGE) (36 UD and Lower Division (LD) GE
3. Standard III.A.2 Faculty Requirements

The qualification for faculty teaching upper division courses in the baccalaureate degree include the requirement for a master's degree (or academic credentials at least one level higher than the baccalaureate degree) or doctoral degree, in an appropriate discipline.

In cases where no Master's degree is available for the field of study, the qualification for faculty teaching upper division courses in the baccalaureate degree include a bachelor's degree in the discipline or closely related discipline, and a master's degree in any discipline, and demonstrated industry work experience in the field of a minimum of six years, and commonly required industry-recognized certification or professional licensure.

B. Curriculum updates

(See attachment – Respiratory Care Baccalaureate Degree Program)

Joe Garcia commented that he likes the operations focus. Directors need to know how to create a budget. Respiratory Care is a business and units of service determine staffing. If a director doesn't understand how to create a budget the workforce ends up being compressed. Knowledge of all coding aspects for a patient is important including documentation for stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3.

John Basile commented that the education GE curriculum needs to focus on the education of patient, staff and adult learners.

Marianne Shaw commented that she thought the three UDGE courses were exactly right.

One member suggested that we look for content overlap between SOCIO 400 and the Humanities GE course.

It was also suggested that a practicum be developed for RSCR 406: Healthcare Leadership and Operations Management, II. Marianne Shaw mentioned that the CSRC leadership academy pairs up the therapist with a director.

C. Summit

Janet Fantazia reported that a team from MJC will be attending a summit on July 6 to discuss things such as marketing, curriculum, resources and finances.

D. New start date – Fall 2017

E. Handbook

Janet Fantazia reported that we will be developing a handbook for the Respiratory Care Baccalaureate Degree Program.

F. Marketing

We have discussed hosting an open house to raise community awareness of the baccalaureate program. Joe Garcia suggested inviting employers to the open house. We need to find out how supportive the local hospitals will be of this program.

G. Suggestions from Advisory Committee

James Avery – we need to get our respiratory care students involved in community service projects related to respiratory care.

Marianne Shaw – Faculty need to explain the meaning of volunteerism to students.

Joe Garcia suggested going to the Chamber of Commerce websites and look up opportunities for volunteering.

An issue of concern regarding encouraging students to volunteer is that whatever we encourage students to do must be in compliance with college policy. James Avery said that if it is too complicated, we could offer our own event at MJC.

Joe Garcia is part of a research project that ends in 2017. They are surveying Respiratory Care Directors, Medical Directors and Educators in Respiratory Care programs in California regarding baccalaureate minimums for RRTs. We need to strongly encourage all therapists who do not have an RRT to get an RRT before the legislation changes. They are considering establishing a time limit for graduates to obtain their license. Reinforce the importance of saving up for the exam and licensure to students.

Marianne Shaw is a CSRC Ethics Instructor and she offered to teach classes for us anytime. The ethics instruction needs to be taken during the last two years of the four-year-license-renewal cycle. Marianne advised that ethics instruction should be given to students before they go into clinical, not when they are getting ready to graduate.

Mary Martinez invited the Advisory Committee members to participate in the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition's 9th Annual Asthma Symposium on Saturday, July 9, 2016.

Adjourned