

**Modesto Junior College Respiratory Care Program
Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
April 21, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bradley, Raj Sanhu, Johnathan Schilling, Dave Forrest, Bruce Kennedy, Richard Dyer, Martha Robles, Justin Camara, Matthew Mendoza, Joshua Alejo, Margareth Hutcheson-Paris, Jeannie Rodenburg, Carla Espinoza, Dr. Robert Tanaka, Danielle Kokologiannakis, Andrea Coonfeld, Bonnie Hunt

- I. **Advisory Committee Chair Position** – Bonnie requested that item two on the agenda be first. The advisory committee needs a chair and the role of the advisory chair position was discussed. Patricia Bradley agreed to take the role of the Respiratory Care Program Advisory Committee Chair.

- II. **Review of April 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes** – The April 22, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bruce Kennedy moved to accept, Dr. Tanaka second the motion and Danielle Kokologiannakis provided the third motion. Meeting minutes accepted with corrections.

- III. **Graduation Dates** – The pinning is scheduled for April 26, 2023 and 17 A.S. degree students will be completing and participating in the ceremony. The commencement ceremony will be held April 28, 2023. The advisory committee members were invited to attend both ceremonies. Bonnie informed the committee that six B.S. degree students were participating in the commencement ceremony

- IV. **Program Updates**
 - a. NBRC School Summary – Twenty graduates from the 2022 A.S. degree program took the Therapist Multiple Choice exam. Currently, there are 18 who have the CRT credential and 16 graduates who have the RRT credential.
 - b. CoARC Survey – Bonnie informed the advisory committee employers that she will be sending out the Employer Survey and encouraged completion of the survey for the annual report.
 - c. B.S. Degree Program – The self-study for the B.S. Degree Program in Respiratory Care was submitted on April 1, 2023 and program faculty and staff are awaiting feedback from CoARC on the self-study and notification of the date for the site visit. Bonnie related that the advisory committee will need to be present for the site visit. This process is to change our current accreditation status from provisional to continued accreditation.

- d. Full-time Faculty Position (Tenure Tract) – Bonnie informed the advisory committee that the respiratory care program has a full-time, tenure-track position and we are hoping to be interviewing for that position. Richard Dyer has graciously consented to teach online but has retired from his full-time position. Martha Robles informed faculty that we are hoping to begin interviewing next week.
 - e. Applications for acceptance into the A.S. degree program is now closed and we have close to 140 applications submitted. The next step is the lottery pull and applicant placement. There are currently eleven applications submitted for acceptance into the B.S. degree program and the applications are now being evaluated by the program's dedicated counselor, Marcos Garcia. Bonnie hopes to be sending out acceptance letters by mid-May, 2023. Both programs begin in August.
- V. **Clinical Updates** – Janet provided two updates. We now have three additional clinical faculty; Dave Forrest, Lynsey Reynolds, and Matthew Mendoza who have joined as clinical instructors. We are happy to have these clinical faculty join the program. We are now well staff.

Janet informed the committee that she has been able to assign all of the 2nd years students to clinical sites and voiced a desire to not have to send first semester students to our long-term and sub-acute care facilities. There may be three additional clinical sites available next semester. They are Doctor's Manteca Hospital, Oak Valley Hospital, and Stockton Rehabilitation. We are hoping to have the contracts signed soon and be able to send students to those clinical sites.

As recommended from the Advisory Committee, Janet would like feedback on having second-year students round in the emergency room at least one clinical day. Justin Camara commented that was a good idea and that possibly more days would benefit the students. He is willing to accommodate the practice. Margareth Hutcheson-Paris and Dave Forrest informed the committee that they allow students to round in the ER. Dave commented that students are more skilled in providing trach care as a result of completing clinical rotations in long-term care facilities.

Janet provided information on feedback from the clinical instructors on changing their clinical rounding from one hour to two hours. Additionally, students would be able to complete unfinished competencies in the lab under the direction of a clinical instructor. Students will still need to complete clinical hours.

Patricia Bradley commented that a minimum of one hour but not in excess of two hours of time with students would be a good thing as they could then become aware of students' strengths and weakness at the clinical site. Raj commented

that more time with the clinical instructor would provide more opportunity for students to learn more of a foundational level of education. Sometimes preceptors, based upon workload, are unable to provide opportunities for that foundational level of education and clinical experience. Justin agreed that additional time with clinical instructors would be beneficial. Clinical instructors could also meet with preceptors to identify areas that need to be reviewed. Raj agreed with clinical instructors meeting with the preceptors to address potential gaps. This would also build a better partnership between clinical instructors and staff. Bonnie questioned how this additional time would take place. Would access to equipment or clinical areas be available for the meeting between clinical instructors and students. Bonnie also asked about access to patient charts for chart review. Raj informed the committee that clinical instructors have access to the department and he will speak to IT about a log-in for preceptors. Bonnie voiced concern about preceptors having access to patient charts. Justin commented that yes, it might be an issue if an instructor is not an employee. Patricia stated that students have access once they have taken the epic module. They do require a co-signor. Students may have access but the clinical instructor will not. Bruce Kennedy informed committee that students have access to patient records at Kaiser. Janet informed the committee that students complete HIPAA training and have access to charts. She believes clinical instructors do not need to be able to log into patient charts.

Janet informed the committee that she has tried to utilize **EHR go** to train students in electronic charting. It has been a challenge and she is again relying on paper charting at the time.

Janet thanked the committee for their contribution to our students and the program. She also stated that we have a sputum bowl team who will participating in the sputum bowl at the CSRC conference. We potentially have two teams who may be completing. Bonnie introduced our student representative Joshua Alejo to the committee.

- VI. **Program Curriculum** – Bonnie informed the committee that CoARC requires continued review of program curriculum. The ESLOS were emailed with the invite. Patricia shared the program ESLOs: RSCR 405, 406, 410, 415, 416, 420, 421, 425 and 430. RSCR 430 which is the capstone project and former students have research and developed policies that have been adopted and implemented at clinical facilities. Dave asked about the leadership/management courses RSCR 405 and 406 and they relatability to respiratory care. Richard explained that RSCR 405 is a macro view of hospital management and RSCR 406 is more micro which looks specifically at the respiratory care department. Justin asked about whether there is coverage on RVUs. Students are required to review and figure out staffing issues for a respiratory care department. Bonnie informed the

committee that an upper division course COMM 400 also provides content on leadership and organizational behavior. Students are required to complete 120 units to achieve a B.S. degree in Respiratory Care.

Bruce asked about whether there is a course that covers quality management. Richard stated that the students do have opportunity to measure activity vs. outcomes, quality indicators, length of stay, and costs per day. Bruce indicated that managers are required to manage quality matrices with the use of Lean or GE and any quality metrics. Janet stated that we do cover that topic and that it is covered slightly in the A.S. degree program as well.

- VII. **Round Table** – Patricia opened the opportunity for discussion. Bonnie emphasized the need for completion of the employer survey. Bruce indicated that they have had positive experiences with the students who have completed clinical rotations at Kaiser. Dave related that he received a questionnaire about the advanced practitioner credential. He noted that the Respiratory Care profession has gained more respect and improved standing in the healthcare community. Justin informed the committee that the State of Ohio offers an advanced credential which is similar to nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Loma Linda University is now reviewing the advantages of offering the advanced credential. Will there be a separate test? Who will provide oversight, the RCB or California Medical Association, etc. Janet asked to see if Joshua would like to comment. He stated he had nothing to add.

Janet asked for comments on the impact of the opening of Gurnick. Dave Forrest said they could potentially pick up additional students. They will accept students on a first come first serve basis. Margie stated that Sutter Tracy will just keep MJC students. Justin stated that MJC would be first accommodated. Patricia will speak with management about this issue. Bruce Kennedy informed the committee that Gurnick has submitted their application and are still awaiting a response from CoARC. Bruce stated that MJC is in good standing, but they will take local students who are settled in the Modesto area. Dave asked about having students who are local to the healthcare facility given a spot in the program to assist with job placement. Valley Children's and Sutter Memorial are offering health fairs which allow the college to promote both the A.S. and the B.S. degree programs. Patricia also indicated that other healthcare programs are invited.

Martha Robles discussed the college's willingness to partner with our health care facilities, i.e. space and participation in health fairs. She also thanked each of our committee members for their role in participating in the education of our students. Patricia thanked everyone for their participation both in this meeting and in providing clinical access for the students.

Dave Forrest moved to end the meeting. Meeting ended at 12:12 pm.