

Respiratory Care Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2022

Members present: Jonathan Schilling, Dr. Tanaka, Marianne Shaw, Joseph Garcia, Justin Camara, Janet Fantazia, Dave Forrest, Richard Dyer, Cara Parsons, Bruce Kennedy, Carla Espinozo, Pricilla Gomez, Dorothy Bruskee, Margareth Hutchinson-Paris, Ray Sandhu, Bonnie Hunt

- I. **Review and approval of meeting minutes:**
 - a. Motion to approve meeting minutes – David Forrester

- II. **Pinning Ceremony – April 25, 2022 6:00pm** (Performing Arts Center)
 - a. Bonnie invited all advisory committee members to the Respiratory Care Pinning ceremony. There are 21 students graduating from the A.S. degree program

- III. **Commencement Ceremony – April 29, 2022 6:00pm** (MJC East Campus)
 - a. Bonnie invited Advisory Committee members to attend the commencement ceremony held in the athletic field on East campus. A.S. and B.S. degree students have been encouraged to attend the ceremony. There are six B.S. degree student who graduated from the program in December, 2021
 - b. Joseph Garcia asked about a day dedicated to employment preparation for graduating A.S. degree students. Bonnie informed the committee that we have not held mock interviews in the past two years because of COVID, but students did have a career day that consisted of a presentation from Marianne Shaw who discussed employment preparedness, Richard Dyer discussed the process of testing and licensing. The career day was different, but program faculty hope that next year we will be able to incorporate mock interviews into Career Day in 2023. The mock interviews have proven beneficial per student feedback.

- IV. Program Updates
 - a. **NBRC School Summary**
 - i. Bonnie shared the NBRC Annual School Summary. Thirteen of the twenty-one students have the RRT credential. This is concerning and we're not really sure why students either did not pass the TMC and CSE. Joseph Garcia asked what areas were the students deficient. Bruce Kennedy asked faculty what can they, as clinical

site facilitators do to assist in preparing students for testing and for employment. What areas can they place importance to improve student outcomes. Bonnie will provide information and report out the areas where students are not doing well. Bonnie and Richard informed the members that students overall did well and performed well in the majority of the areas. Richard informed members that students did not take the exam because of COVID, choosing to homeschool children, and many delayed taking the exams. Pass rates drop dramatically once students delay taking the exam past 90 days. The current pass rate for the TMC is 92 which is down from 94. Joseph related that as employers that wish to be more proactive in addressing weak areas as opposed to reactive.

- ii. Bonnie stressed the need for honest feedback from preceptors. Evaluations of students are not always reflective of how students are actually performing. Janet explained the pathway for reporting students requiring help as contact the Clinical Instructor and Janet Fantazia. The program did implement Trajecys as a method of providing feedback without having to directly give the evaluation to the student. Members related that they were unaware of the Trajecys program. Janet will send out information on how to utilize Trajecys. Justin related the challenge of having staff complete the evaluations and competencies. Cara Parsons (student representative) indicated that the affective evaluations did not address student competency. It is addressed during the preceptorship. She believes this would be helpful for students to improve skills. Bruce suggested an exit survey from students of their preceptors. As for the evaluation's students have provided, both Justin and Bruce would like the student feedback. Just would like to hear about staff/preceptor evaluations in an effort to determine the best preceptors for the student. Feedback, especially if positive, is beneficial for preceptors. Both Cara and Pricilla (Liz) related how much they appreciate the opportunities to be in the facilities. Liz requesting that second semester students be allowed to go back to acute care facilities. Long-term care is good for trach care and suctioning. Raj Sanhu expressed a desire to gain a better understanding of the program structure and how the program is structured. Bonnie will setup an invite.

b. Employee Surveys

- i. Bonnie informed advisory members that a graduate survey will be sent out and that it is important these surveys are completed to ensure continued accreditation.

- c. ACLS, PALS, NRP Certification
 - i. The advisory committee members related the importance of continuing ACLS, PALS, and NRP certification. Marianne stated the Mercy Merced is using the American Heart Association RQI Module and will no longer accept any outside certifications.
 - d. Curriculum/Program recommendations
 - i. Bonnie provided information on the status of the B.S. and A.S. degree programs. There are 21 graduates and 18 2nd year students which is concerning. There are 5 applicants for the B.S. degree program. The BDP Steering Committee and CCC articulation officers are looking at a general education lower division pattern specific to the community college as opposed to the 39 CSU-GE transferrable lower division courses.
- V. Clinical Rotations
- a. Janet thanked clinical site directors/management for the support. She related that we are running short on acute care clinical sites for the first-year students. Janet asked for suggestions on accommodating first-year students. Janet will provide information to Joseph on the contact person for implementing a new clinical site.
- VI. Change of A.S. degree Program Format
- a. Committee discussed a change in the A.S. degree program format from 2-year (summers off) to 15-month with students attending a summer session. Students are providing feedback that the summer off is quite a bit of time off. Marianne suggested adding clinical rotations during the summer session. Justin stated graduating in the spring is beneficial for employee orientation during the summer.
 - b. Bruce Kennedy suggested reviewing other Respiratory Care Program at community colleges to view their program formats.
- VII. Graduate Employment Opportunities
- a. Students have been hired prior to graduation. Marianne related that she is hiring. Bonnie will let students know of the opportunity.
- VIII. Gurnick Academy
- a. Members of the committee have been contacted by Jerry Roberson at Gurnick Academy. Bruce related that CoARC is no longer starting A.S. degree programs.

- b. Bonnie informed the advisory committee that the B.S. degree program is not longer in “pilot status.” There are a quite a few community college A.S. degree programs interested in applying to offer a B.S. degree.
- IX. Round Table – Advisory Committee
- a. Marianne encourage members to attend the CSRC Conference in Pechanga, California June 7-9, 2022
 - b. Bruce, Justin, and Dave related that the students completing clinicals are doing very well.
 - c. Committee members were made aware the Professor Richard Dyer will be retiring December 31, 2022.
- X. Meeting adjourned 1:20pm.