

## **Program Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES**

Dental Health Services

December 7, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m.

DH Room 118

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### **ITEM 1      *Welcome and Introductions – Nancy Zinser***

#### Discussion:

- Nancy Zinser, Associate Dean Health Science, introduced guests, students, and faculty/staff.
  
- Dr. Bilger moved that the minutes from the PAC Meeting on January 27, 2012 be approved motion seconded by Cathy Cabanzon; all in favor.
  
- Evaluation from January 27, 2012 Meeting discussed
  - Any items PAC members would like added to the agenda should be emailed to [kuzmireb@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:kuzmireb@palmbeachstate.edu).
  - As reflected in the 1-27-12 minutes, the roles, goals, and objectives of the PAC are outlined in the Palm Beach State College Partnership Council Handbook.
    - ✓ Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene ADA CODA site visit scheduled for December 4 & 5, 2014. PAC members will be scheduled to meet with ADA CODA site visitors as required by the Accreditation Standards.
  - PAC meetings are required by ADA CODA.

#### Data source consulted (where appropriate)

- Business Partnership Council Evaluation
- ADA CODA Standards
- Palm Beach State College Business Partnership Council Handbook

#### Action:

- DHS Department will keep PAC Members apprised of ADA CODA site visit

### **ITEM 2      *Dental Health Professional Day – Colleen Bradshaw and Judy McCauley***

- Discussed re-naming “Dental Health Services Open House” to “Dental Health Professional Day” as this will reflect the intention of the event.
- Dental Health Professional Day is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Tracy Jacobs, from Phillips, will be the keynote speaker with her topic “Healthy Mouth & Healthy Body” being the focus; continuing education credits will be awarded.
- This event will also include student table clinics and vendor/rep presentations.

#### Data source consulted (where appropriate)

#### Action:

- Request involvement of PAC members to invite community professionals to Dental Health Professional Day.
- DHS Department will send flyers to PAC members for distribution.

**ITEM 3            *Service Learning Projects – Colleen Bradshaw and Judy McCauley***

- DHS Department is proud to have the students enhance their learning experience by serving others in the community. Areas of service include, but are not limited to: Bridges of Lake Worth Palm Beach County Schools Migrant Education Department, Royal Palm Beach High School, and the Renaissance Learning Center.
- On November 2, 2012 ~ 325 children from Headstart were seen in the Dental Hygiene Care Center for dental exams by the Public Health Department dentists and fluoride varnish application by the dental hygiene students.. These children were previously identified as not having a dental home.
- On February 7 & 8, 2013 ~ 200 children from Headstart will receive preventive services provided by the dental hygiene students in the Dental Hygiene Care Center. This is the seventh year Dental Health Services has sponsored “Give Kids a Smile” Day.

Data source consulted (where appropriate)

Action:

- Continue serving community in areas of need.

**ITEM 4            *Dental Assisting Program Update – Colleen Bradshaw***

- Due to College Relations and Marketing increasing exposure and advertising of the Dental Assisting Program and the addition of more information sessions, the application pool was greatly enhanced. Statistics below for applicant selection pool for 2013-1:
  - 60 applied
  - 55 complete applications
  - 24 accepted
  - 18 to graduate June 2013
  - 3 withdrew and 3 failed
- Atlantic Coast Dental Research Clinic (ACDRC) continues to offer their traditional programs to community partners. As this clinic is the major focus for dental assisting students' hands-on clinical experience, additional sections with new topic areas are being explored.
- The Dental Assisting students are involved in various out-clinic opportunities which enhance their educational experiences. Student clinical rotations include, but are not limited to: Department of Health Sealant Bus with patient education, MorseLife Geriatric Center, West Palm Beach Public Health Department, Highland Elementary Swish Program.
- The Dental Assisting Students increase profession growth by attending the Hinman Dental Meeting March 21-23, 2013 - Atlanta, Georgia and the Florida National Dental Convention (FNDC) in Orlando June 13-15, 2013 - Orlando. (Special tanks to Sharon Masiarczyk, from Benco, for providing hospitality for the students at FNDC last year!).

Data source consulted (where appropriate)

Action:

- Check with CRM to determine number of “hits” DHS Webpage receives.
- Continue to explore new topic areas in order to expand sections of the ACDRC.
- Explore possibility of Caridad as an out-clinic assignment.

## ITEM 5 *Dental Hygiene Program Update – Judy McCauley*

### Discussion:

- Dental Hygiene Program Update – Highlights of program activities since January
- FDHA – professional meeting in October
- ADHA Annual Meeting in Arizona – PBSC second year dental hygiene students were awarded second place in the Student Table Clinic Competition
- Dental Hygiene Out-Clinic Rotations include: West Palm Beach Public Health Department, Caridad Health Clinic, and MorseLife Geriatric Center
- Data collected, using the statewide BSS screening form, is being completed as part of the student's rotation at MorseLife. The information is turned into Tami Miller, who represents geriatric issues on the Flora Oral Health Leadership Council
- The Dental Hygiene Program application pool increased significantly this year. Statistics below for applicant selection pool for 2013-1:
  - 82 applied
  - 72 complete applications
  - 24 accepted
  - 23 to graduate May 2014
  - 1 failed
- Accepting any college level transferable Chemistry for Dental Hygiene selection
- Removal of 5 year natural science rule for Dental Hygiene selection.
  - "All students accepted into the program must have completed all natural science program requirements with a grade of C or higher by the application deadline date of May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Currency of 5 year natural science rule did not improve overall student success and did not enhance program outcomes (National Dental Hygiene Board Exam, Florida Clinical Licensure). /or positively or negatively impacted program outcomes.
  - Financial Aid will not pay for repeat of courses already completed successfully.
  - Program data indicated that a time limit of either 5 or 10 years for any of these natural sciences prevented students applying to programs who may be better candidates.
  - Students take these courses one at a time prior to acceptance into a Limited Access program. Students are not applying the knowledge at that time. Regardless of any time limit, application of natural sciences specifically to a discipline is reviewed and applied to outcomes of program core classes.
- Expanded employment opportunities for Dental Health Access Settings have resulted due to legislative changes in the Florida Statute.
- Local Anesthesia Certification for the Florida Licensed Dental Hygienist Course started October 12, 2012 and is being managed through PBSC Continuing Education Department. Currently approximately 100 RDHs have been certified. This course is composed of 30 online didactic hours plus 30 hours of clinical training. Two courses per month begin in Spring Term. Students receive both the didactic and clinical training within the program and as a result of the changes in the Florida Statute will graduate with program certification in local anesthesia as of May 2013.

Data source consulted (where appropriate)

### Action:

- Schedule Dental Hygiene information session in July, with selected students, to clarify program policies and structure of program. This proved to enhance retention for incoming students this year.
- Post information for international students related to obtaining a social security number, which is required to be awarded Florida Dental Hygiene Licensure beyond a 30 day expiration window.

## ITEM 6      *Program Advisory Committee Members*

### Discussion:

- The PAC members recommended that DHS moves forward requiring Level 2 Criminal Background Screenings, which includes fingerprinting. This announcement should be posted on the DHS Home Page as well as the Selection Packet. Dr. Bilger explained Level 2 is required for employees and volunteers at the public health department. It was also noted that school volunteers are required to have Level 2 Criminal Background Screening completed.
- This year an issue with international students not being able to obtain a social security number has been of real concern. There is no problem with an international student being accepted into the college and the program; however upon successful completion of the Florida Clinical Exam, licensure is only valid for 30 days and expires without a social security number. By law international students on Visas are only permitted to be employed by the college as a work study student and thus can apply for a social security number. These positions are very limited.
- Joe Peters informed committee that two years ago funding from EAHEC was transitioned to NOVA.
- Janet Taylor described a concern, as a result of being involved in a SWISH program at an elementary school. Children need to have dental screenings completed due to poor dental health. Dr. Bilger suggested Janet contact Mary Pagana at the public health department for assistance in this, as school nurses do not have a focus in this matter. Carmen Nieves suggested a resource list be provided to the school nurse. Carmen mentioned that Caridad has oral health educators that could visit these schools and provide help. Lauren Bohovsky alluded to similar concerns during her dental assisting education and SWISH visits.

### Data source consulted (where appropriate)

### Action:

- Beth to add Level 2 Criminal Background Screening to all DHS program information.
- Nancy to continue dialogue with Francklin Laborde concerning international students and social security numbers related to licensure.
- Beth to add statement related to international students to all DHS program information.
- Follow-up with Caridad and Public Health Department for support in reaching out to health access settings in need of health care. Program Accreditation mandates that students provide preventive treatment/procedures on diverse population in order to achieve required clinical competency as outlined in the educational standards.
- Explore available community based grant opportunities regarding senior, developmentally disabled, and school based populations; all of which are identified and required for student clinical experiences.
- Business Partnership Council Evaluation completed

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Dental Health Services Coordinator

December 12, 2012

1.	Philippe	Bilger	President	Central Palm Beach County Dental Association
2.	Lauren	Bohovsky	Student	Current student in 1st year Dental Hygiene Program
3.	Cathy	Cabanzon	State Oral Health Coalition Coordinator	Florida Public Health Institute
4.	Corey	Lietzke	President	Palm Beach County Dental Assistants Society
5.	Carmen	Nieves	Clinic Administrator	Caridad Health Center
6.	Joe	Peters	Director	Everglades Area Health Education Center (EAHEC)
7.	Michele	Ryan	Alumni PBSC BAS Health Supervision & Management	RDH Private Practice
8.	Janet	Taylor	Student	Class President 2nd Year Dental Hygiene

1.	Colleen	Bradshaw	Dental Assisting Department Chair Associate Professor
2.	Lydia	Duffey	Associate Professor
3.	Kerry	Flynn	Associate Professor
4.	Beth	Kuzmirek	DHS Coordinator
5.	Judith	McCauley	Dental Hygiene Department Chair Associate Professor
6.	Marilee	McGaughey	Associate Professor
7.	Nancy	Zinser	Associate Dean Health Sciences