

## Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

*Human Services*

*10/29/2014*

*10:00am*

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### ITEM [1]. *Updates*

#### Discussion:

- Introductions
  - New member Jonathan Saltzburg was introduced
- Suzie Duff informed group of Updates
  - Council Goals
    - Membership: The Human Services Business Partnership Council has brought on two new members; Jonathan Saltzburg from Caron Renaissance and Jonathan Hackley from DCF. Increasing council membership was one of our goals this year so we are progressing well. We will also like to invite MaryBeth Underwood from Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches to become a member of the Human Services Council.
    - Increasing Professionalism: During the last meeting, the Council recommended specific changes that should be addressed to increase student professionalism. Those recommendations were documented and sent to all Human Services full time and adjunct faculty. Suzie Duff will follow up with adjunct faculty to see how they are implementing professionalism training into their classes.
  - Human Services Program
    - Program Review for 2013-2014 was a success. The Human Services program has doubled in size in the last four years and has a solid full time and adjunct faculty.
    - The AS in Human Services program currently has an articulation agreement with FAU's Bachelor of Social Work program. Students attended an information session last week and were able to ask an FAU representative questions they had for future success.

### ITEM [2]. *Future Goals*

#### Discussion:

- Council Goals
  - This year's goals are progressing well, so the Council started to brainstorm about future goals.
    - Many of the Council members train students in the Human Services program during their two semesters of Fieldwork
    - The Council decided that a good future goal is to increase student success in Fieldwork by including the following in the Fieldwork courses
      - Creating a clear educational plan so students know which direction to take after graduation from PBSC
      - Creating a packet for each Fieldwork site for students to provide so agencies/organizations know what is expected of them
      - Continued focus on professionalism including attitude toward work and appropriate behavior
      - Making students aware of the different expectations agencies have to volunteer with them

- Background checks, liability insurance, same day drug screening, etc.
  - The Council also recommended that students are provided with a day to meet potential Fieldwork site supervisors
  - Emotional Intelligence trainings
- Human Services Program Goals
  - Jonathan Hackley and Margie Martinez from DCF discussed their need for a Child Protective Investigation Certification during the last meeting. Palm Beach State is currently looking into this opportunity to offer the certification to students in the Human Services Program.
  - Barry University has requested an articulation agreement with the Human Services program. It would include an articulation into their Bachelor of Social Work program with a fast-track Master's program. The Council thought this was a great opportunity for the program.
    - A survey was sent out to Human Services students which supported a need for an articulation with Barry University.
    - The survey also specified a potential need for Palm Beach State to start a Human Services Bachelors program. The Council was in full support.
  - The Human Services Program is also looking into including Abnormal Psychology in its course list. The Council recommended that it be included because a working knowledge of mental disorders is helpful in the field.

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**Attendance: Suzie Duff (Department Chair of Human Services), Mia Ocean (Associate Professor in Human Services, Addictions Program), Andrew Blair (Department Chair of Psychology), Margie Martinez (Department of Children and Families), Millie Ramos (Community Partnership Group), Simone Mack (Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches), MaryBeth Underwood (Behavioral Health of the Palm Beaches), Jonathan Saltzburg (Caron Renaissance), Cynthia Johnson (Academic Adviser)**

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