

Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Human Services

March 1, 2017

10:30am

SS101

ITEM 1. *Goals and Updates*

Discussion:

- Welcomed new member, Toni Summerville, from Lutheran Services Florida
- Went over this year's goals and the progress made
 - 2016-2017 Goals
 - Create and implement clear education paths for students in the Human Services program
 - Achieved. A flow chart was created for students, information sessions about career paths in mental health were implemented and students continue to meet with department chair for individual questions and mentoring.
 - Modify Fieldwork classes for improved communication, expectations and desired outcomes
 - Achieved. Interview and professionalism assignments were implemented as well as new evaluation procedures and scripts for students who need help with appropriate communication skills.
 - New goals were created by the BPC. 2017-2018 Goals:
 - Research possibility of a Human Services bachelors program.
 - BPC members strongly acknowledged that the field is requiring higher levels of education
 - Increase enrollment in Addiction Studies program
 - BPC members stated that there is a large addiction community in Palm Beach County and the Addiction Studies program should reflect those numbers.

ITEM 2. *Updates from BPC Members*

Discussion:

- Human Services Field:
 - Trauma Informed Care and looking at struggles that people are facing from a systemic perspective are current themes in the field.
 - Child Protective Investigators will eventually need a Master's degree
 - More and more jobs are requiring at least a bachelor's degree
 - BPC members are in support of starting a Human Services bachelors program
- Youth Development Field
 - There has been an increase in behavioral issues in the school setting and practitioners need knowledge in behavior modification and attachment disorders.
 - Nancy Thomas is a good resource for attachment disorders and how to address them
 - Talk to Cassandra Wilbanks in Early Education about CSC trainings for students

- Afterschool programs are starting to require bachelor's degrees based on the complexity of mental health issues in schools today.
- There are over 300 schools in the PBC school district and most have afterschool programs and summer camps. Giving Youth Development students the option of getting a bachelor's degree in Human Services would help them obtain employment and have the knowledge needed to address behavioral and mental health issues.
 - PrimeTime may have funding to help students if PBSC offers a bachelors program in Human Services. They are willing to fund education that teaches practitioners how to deal with higher levels of mental health related issues.
- Students in this field need the ability to think critically, prioritize, have back-up plans and be flexible. They also need to check their emails every day, which is not happening.
- **Addiction Studies Field**
 - Treatment Centers are moving toward requiring advanced degrees to counsel people struggling with addiction. The CAC and CAP certification will eventually be replaced with an MCAP and license to practice therapy.
 - Students need options to get a bachelor's degree in Palm Beach County that have a focus on Addiction Studies. Palm Beach State College would be an appropriate place for students to get that education as the need is great in PB County.

OTHER

- PBSC should participate in Good Deeds Day which is held every year in the spring

Attendance

Suzie Duff (PBSC Human Services), Rita Glancz (DCF), Millie Ramos (Community Partnership), Suzette Newcomber (211), Toni Summerville (Lutheran Services Florida), Andrew Blair (PBSC Psychology), George Stoupas (PBSC Addiction Studies), Naria Martinez (PBSC Advising)

Submitted by: *S. Duff*

Suzie Duff, Scribe