



Business Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Human Services

4.11.16

10:30am

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ITEM 1. *Updates on Human Services Program and Discussion*

Discussion:

- Council was informed of recent Florida State Guidelines changes to Human Services programs and how they affected our program.
- CAP and CAC Certifications were discussed and how our program relates to those State certifications.
- The current state of the addictions field and issues within it were discussed. The Council briefly talked about the Addiction Studies interns and where they are getting the paid experience needed for the CAC and CAP. Fieldwork hours and how they relate were also addressed.
- The 2015-2016 Council goals were partially achieved and will be continued into the 2016-2017 year.
 - Goal 1 was to create and implement clear education paths for students in the Human Services program.
 - The changes in Florida State guidelines held up the process for clear educational paths because they needed to be solidified and approved before further paths could be created. This goal will remain the same in the 2016-2017 year.
 - Goal 2 was to modify Fieldwork classes for improved communication, expectations and desired outcomes.
 - This goal was partially achieved. Packets for Fieldwork sites were created and implemented and outside resources were brought in for the first days of Fieldwork classes each semester.
 - This goal will be modified in the 2016-2017 year and include EQ training and interview experience.
- The Council members recommended that a Bachelor of Human Services degree be created at Palm Beach State College. The Council has made this request previously as well.
 - Degree would need to be transferable into a Mental Health or Social Work Master's program. It would also need to include business classes for students who are planning to run organizations or non-profit agencies.

ITEM 2. *Updates from BPC Members*

Discussion:

- **Addiction Studies**
 - Jonathan Saltzburg and MaryBeth Underwood informed the group that medically assisted treatment, brain-mapping, neuro-feedback and neuro-rehab are all current themes in the addictions field.
 - Heroin use is increasing and needs to be treated differently than other substances.
 - Most people struggling with addiction have trauma related issues and co-occurring disorders.
- **Human Services**
 - Sharon L'Herrou informed the group that 211 is in need of people with specific skills including basic computer proficiencies, the ability to de-escalate a situation, ability to find resources and also display basic listening and communicating skills. The group agreed that working at 211 would be a great opportunity for students no matter what area of the

field they went into. Sharon also shared a wide range of information and resources as we discussed different topics.

- Youth Development
 - Millie Ramos informed the group that Ages and Stages evaluations are an important part of the field right now. They are offered for free through Bridges locations and can link parents to resources like Triple P parenting and My Brother's Keeper.
- Other:
 - Council members mentioned that PBSC is losing international students because our International Education office is understaffed. There needs to be more staff who are specifically linked to different programs within PBSC.
 - INTO is an international education company that links students with colleges and universities throughout the United States and may be a resource that PBSC should look into in the future.

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Attendance:

Jonathan Saltzburg, Cindy Johnson, George Stoupas, Millie Ramos, Sharon L'Herrou, MaryBeth Underwood, Andrew Blair and Suzie Duff

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