

**PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE**

**Respiratory Care Program**

**Business Partnership Council Minutes**

**July 2, 2015**

**ITEM #1 Review and Approval of Minutes**

Discussion: Minutes from March 27, 2015 meeting were read.

Action: Minutes from March 27, 2015 meeting were approved.

**ITEM #2 2015 RT applicants**

Discussion: Lee Anne stated there were 41 applicants, 32 complete and 9 incomplete, with an average GPA of 3.11, average age 28, 17 with prior healthcare experience and 28 with degrees (22 AA, 3 BA and 3 BS). This was compared to last year's applicant pool of 43 students with incoming GPA's of 3.0. Nancy stated she will conduct an open house for the incomplete applicants in July since this is the only reason their applications are incomplete. Nancy also mentioned the possibility of a secondary pool.

Action: Nancy will conduct open house in July.

**ITEM #3 Hospital Survey Distribution**

Discussion: Nancy and Stephanie distributed the hospital surveys from 2010 through 2015 to the Respiratory Directors present and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Action: No action required

**ITEM #4 Graduate Follow Up**

Discussion: Nancy relayed that currently there are 14 out of 15 recently graduated students who have passed the upper threshold for RRT eligibility on the written exam and 10 who have passed the clinical SIMS. All 15 have passed the minimum threshold for CRT certification and 4 students have not taken the test yet. Bob mentioned that there may be funding if students have not taken the exam due to expense. Also, recently graduated students have been hired at Good Sam, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens and JFK. Also, Nancy mentioned that our program received a special award for CoARC for a 90% or better CRT pass rate over the past 3 years.

Action: Possible funding to help students if finances are prohibiting them taking exam.

**ITEM # 5 First Year Student Update**

Discussion: Nancy, Lisa and Stephanie discussed that there are currently 11 2nd year students and there will be a student instructor from the 2nd year that will help with first year student retention. Also, there will be a peer to peer mentoring program to further insure student success.

Action: No action required

#### **ITEM #6 Annual Report**

Discussion: Nancy discussed graduate results statistics from annual report

Action: None required

#### **ITEM #7 Student Readmission**

Discussion: There is one re-applicant and letter was read to BPC. Currently one readmit from last year.

Action: One readmission approved and one declined.

#### **ITEM #8 Preceptor Training**

Discussion: Stephanie mentioned that an additional 2 hour CEU will be added to the current 4 hour Preceptor Training II program to incorporate student learning styles, different personalities and case studies.

Action: None required

#### **Item #9 Other**

Discussion: Sheryle mentioned the FSRC scholarship program and the AARC Medicare Telehealth Parody bill coming out on July 6th and encouraged all active respiratory therapists to vote yes on this bill.

Action: None required

#### **Item #10 Next meeting date and Location**

Discussion: TBA

Action: None required

#### **Attendees:**

LeeAnne Decker

Bob Van Der Velde

Michele Balik

Lisa Nowicki

Sheryle Barrett

Claudia Escobedo

Ed Willey

Bobby Pitcock

Richard Young

Christopher Jones

Sheryle Barrett

Ginger Griffin-Mast

Nancy Latimer

Stephanie Parlamento