

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE
Respiratory Care Program
Business Partnership Council Minutes
November 1, 2013

ITEM #1 Review and Approval of Minutes

Discussion: Minutes from June 27, 2013 meeting were read.

Action: Minutes were approved.

ITEM #2 New and Returning Student Update

Discussion: Nancy and Stephanie stated that there are 24 first year students (1 withdrew for personal reasons) and 15 second year students currently in program.

Action: None required.

ITEM #3 Graduate Follow Up

Discussion: Nancy stated that recent grads had a 100% pass rate on both CRT and RRT exams and most had employment. Claudia, Lisa, Steve, Kathy and Ken discussed current obstacles to hiring therapists including time studies and ACA requiring hospitals to offer employees working over 30 hours Healthcare benefits.

Action: None required

ITEM #4 Student Travel to 2013 AARC International Congress

Discussion: Although Nancy, Stephanie and students will not be attending this year due to distance and cost factors, they are hoping to attend the Florida Society for Respiratory Care Space Coast Symposium in April.

Action: Nancy and Stephanie to check into details of conference.

ITEM # 5 Program Curriculum/Changes to Board Exam

Discussion: Nancy detailed the Therapist Multiple-Choice Exam and provided copies of the matrix for the BPC. She explained that there will be a minimum threshold for the CRT credential and upper thresholds that will allow the student to sit for the RRT Clinical Sim if achieved. There will also be 20

mini-topics rather than 10 longer topics. Lisa asked about therapists who do not pass RRT exam in allotted time.

Action: Nancy and Stephanie currently combing matrix for any additions to current curriculum.

ITEM #6 Preceptor Training-Evaluation of Students

Discussion: Stephanie stated that there is a Preceptor Training class on Nov. 5, 2013 and there are currently 13 therapists enrolled from the various hospitals. She explained the importance of inter-rater reliability and CoARC requirements.

Action: Preceptor Training will be offered again in the spring semester.

ITEM #7 Employer Evaluations

Discussion: Nancy explained the importance of completing the evaluations by each of the hiring hospital respiratory Department Managers and CoARC requirements.

Action: Nancy will open the survey the first of the year and Nancy and Stephanie will monitor for CoARC compliance.

ITEM #8 Other

Discussion: Program Director for American Lung Association, Andrew Cuddihy introduced himself to BPC and expressed continued desire to work with PBSC. Kathy announced the dates for the FSRC state meeting in Westin, Fl. Aug. 14-16, 2014. Kathy also mentioned that speakers were needed for the conference. Separate vendor and Department Manager meetings were suggested to allow more time for in depth discussions without interruptions. Kathy discussed new CEU requirement for current healthcare regulations and offered to send power points to other Managers.

Action: None required

Other #9 Next Meeting Date and Location

Action: TBA

Attendees:

Dr. Nancy Weissman
Dr. Bob Van Der Velde
Tim Goldsbury
Ken Sorge
Steve Toryak
Kathy Hilliard
Andrew Cuddihy
Lisa Andrews
Claudia Escobedo
Stephanie Parlamento