Welcome and Introductions – Colleen Bradshaw and Judy McCauley

ITEM 1  Review of Agenda and Minutes – Sharon Masiarczyk – PAC Chair

Discussion:
- Introduction of guests, students, faculty/staff
- Sharon Masiarczyk reviewed minutes from December 1, 2017. Motion to approve minutes by Judy Bendit. Second by Chris Henderson.

ITEM 2  Dental Health Services Department – Colleen Bradshaw and Judy McCauley

Discussion: New Dental Health Services Building status
- Palm Beach State College did not receive PICO funds this legislative year, which are needed to go forward with the planning, design and construction of the new dental technology building. Associate Dean Zinser did report that other types of funding sources are being discussed.
- Four of the full time DHS faculty traveled to ADEC’s Educational Facility to research equipment, dental operatory designs and trends for new and emerging technology for the planning phase. In addition, full time faculty, associate dean, and adjuncts attended the annual FADE Meeting and toured Valencia College’s dental hygiene clinic to gain ideas for clinical/lab operational flow and design. In addition, faculty and associate dean attended the ADEA Annual Conference to meet with vendors.

Discussion: Dental Health Services Professional Development Day
- There was a decline in the number of attendees with 58 attending. Vendor presence increased this year with 11 vendor from the dental community. Dr. Valerie Marino gave a lecture of Laser Therapy in Periodontal Treatment, which is a relevant topic for both the Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene professions. The use of lasers may soon be a remediable task that dental hygienists may soon be able to acquire in the State of Florida.

Discussion: Project Access to Care (Grant Funded Initiative through PBMS)
- This grant has recently expanded from medical to now include dental. Sue Correia has been screening dental patients and triaging the patients who are in need of dental care; patients are then referred to a dentist to provide dental work pro bono. The Dental Hygiene program has partnered with Project Access to Care and accepts patients who qualify for preventive dental hygiene care. The Atlantic Coast Dental Research Clinic may also be able to see some of these patients in some of its upcoming specialized clinics as well. Lauren Stoops will be speaking to the board members of the ACDRC at an upcoming meeting.

Discussion: Equipment
- Through the college’s Capital Funds, the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs have either received or requested the following:
  - Velscope (an Oral Cancer Screening tool)
  - Wireless Lenovo tablets to be used by instructors for grading
  - Dental Simulators
Dr. Quicklook (intra oral photography and patient education tool)
- Planmeca Pano machine
- 3D Impression Scanner (Care Stream)

Data source consulted (where appropriate)
Action: no action at this time

ITEM 3 Dental Assisting Program Update – Colleen Bradshaw

Discussion: Student Travel
- The Dental Assisting class of 2018 attended the Hinman Dental Convention this year with 17 out of 18 students attending.
- Four Dental Assisting students will be attending the Florida Dental Convention in Orlando this upcoming June. In years past, winners from our Professional Development Day table clinics would present at the convention.

Discussion: Free Dental Day
- The event was held on April 25, 2018. We had 12 volunteer dentist participate and we were able to treat 50 patients. Treatment included extractions and basic restorations. Benco sponsored the lunch for all of the doctors and students.

Discussion: Externships
- There are currently 18 dental assisting students out on the required externship course, which consists of 300 hours in community practices. Each student must have two rotations of 3 weeks each in general practices and one rotation of 4 weeks in specialty practices. The dental assisting faculty are assessing students twice per week.

Data source consulted (where appropriate)
Action: no action at this time

ITEM 4 Dental Hygiene Program Update – Judy McCauley

Discussion: Results of credentialing exam
- The Dental Hygiene National Board Exam had a pass rate of 91%. The Clinical Board Exam (CDCA) had a pass rate of 77%. The faculty will be providing additional calibration for the students in the upcoming year. The students have the option of re-taking the exam in July or waiting until December.

Discussion: Program accomplishments of the year
- The students were very active this year performing dental screenings, holding Dental Hygiene Awareness Day’s on campus. Dental screenings, patient education, take home dental care bags and fluoride varnishes were performed on students, staff and faculty.
- DH students also attended several professional conferences/meetings including the Florida Dental Convention in Orlando, the 2017 American Dental Hygienists’ Association meeting in Jacksonville and the 2017 Florida Dental Hygienists’ Association in Orlando during the Fall.

Discussion: Palm Beach County Health District
- Dr. Tibbey, Health Care District Director, is interested in referring patients to the Dental Hygiene Care Center who are in need of preventive dental hygiene care. This will allow the Dental Hygiene students to treat a more diverse patient population.
Data source consulted (where appropriate)
Action:
  • On Campus Screenings at all of the 5 Palm Beach State College Campuses
  • Diabetes Screenings in the Dental Hygiene Care Center

ITEM 5  Action Plan - Goals and Meeting Evaluation – Sharon Masiarczyk- PAC Chair

Discussion: Input from Program Advisory Committee Members

  • Action Plan – Goals
    o On Campus Screenings at all of the five Palm Beach State College Campuses to increase awareness of the preventative dental services offered through Palm Beach State College Dental Health services Department.
    o Investigate including Diabetes Screening as part of the assessment and treatment planning processes in the Dental Hygiene Care Center.

  • Meeting Evaluation
    o All attendees filled out a survey

ITEM 6 Other

Discussion: Dental Therapy Program
  • Pending legislative approval, Palm Beach State College has committed to offer the program.
  • Programs requested PAC members to advocate for support of the Dental Therapy Program within the dental community in order to assure accurate, factual and consistent information is provided. Sue Correia will send a link to all members of the one page talking points fact sheet developed by the PEW Foundation. Motion by Judy Bendit. Second by Ashley Hope.

Data source consulted (where appropriate)
Action: PAC Members advocate for support of the Dental Therapy Program within the community

Submitted by:

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