

Health Science Program Management Committee

Minutes from October 20, 2011 Meeting

The Health Science Program Management Committee met for the first time on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Grimes State Office Building ICN Room.

Attendance: The following people were in attendance:

Sally Abbott, Marion Regional Center, Kirkwood
Brian Williams, Valley Community School District
Dawn Fichter, Missouri Valley CSD
Patty Flynn, McFarland Clinic
Paulette Horner, Maquoketa CSD
Nancy Glab, Kirkwood Community College
Donna Orton, North Iowa Area Community College
Pat Martin, Northeast Iowa Community College
Lou Crary, Mount Mercy University
Wendy Gray, Area Health Education Center
Sarah Emmett, Klein Unit, Burlington
Rita Berthelsen, Iowa Western Community College

Introductions: Colleen Hunt, Bureau Chief of the Adult, Career and Community College Education Bureau brought greetings to the group and explained the importance of the Program Management Committee.

Pat Thieben introduced herself and had all attendees introduce themselves.

Election of Chair: Pat asked for nominees or volunteers to be chair of the group. Rita Berthelsen volunteered to be chair for the 2011-2012 year. Discussion later in the meeting suggested we need to decide on term limits to the chair position. (We might also want to think about terms for membership to the committee if desired and other positions such as a secretary to take minutes, etc.)

Review of Purpose and Guidelines: The group then discussed and revised the Purpose and Guidelines for the group. The revised purpose and guidelines are attached. Any additions, changes or comments can be submitted to Pat Thieben for the next meeting for discussion. The Make-up of the committee was also discussed. It was suggested that we make sure we have representation from the NW and SW areas of the state. In addition to our current members, the following were suggested to be added: Iowa Hospital Association (Laura Malone)—Nancy Glab will contact her, a representative from the Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (Paulette Horner will send information on the current president or regional president so we can cover NW and SW Iowa), Dental Association—Pat will contact Health Deans in the NW and SW Areas to see if they can recommend someone.

Reports of Members: Dawn Fichter and Paulette Horner gave an update on HOS--what it is, what they do, etc. HOSA stands for Health Occupation Students of America. Because we are getting away from the word "Occupation" and moving toward Health Science, the group is now just HOSA, Future Health Professionals. This Career and Technical Student Organization provides an avenue for students in health science programs to build and develop team working and leadership skills. More information can be found at www.hosa.org or www.iowahosa.com. Pat showed the Iowa HOSA website. In addition to HOSA information, links and information on the Iowa Health Sciences Professional Organization can be found.

It was announced that the Health Science Educators Conference will be held June 21 and 22 at Kirkwood. The emphasis of the conference will be on interdisciplinary or inter-professionalism? In other words, how do all health science careers work together and communicate more effectively.

Lou Crary, Donna Orton, Pat Martin and Nancy Glab gave information on the Summit that is coming up the first part of November. There is a national study pushing for nurses to have BSN degrees. This summit will be one of the first to discuss the possibilities and what that means for linkage between the community colleges and the four-year colleges, etc. There will be much more discussion on this for the future. Some of the issues may include changing the articulation agreement, determining how students can afford the additional education, how can we provide a seamless transfer, etc.

Paulette Horner shared information from the secondary prospective. Students are taking more and more concurrent enrollment, PSEO, etc. courses and are not finding time to take CTE courses. A future goal that we might need to consider is to communicate more with counselors regarding Health Science Programs.

Pat Thieben shared a letter from the Direct Care Professionals Advisory Committee. The committee is asking for names for people who are willing to support them as they move forward to get a board to approve certification of direct care providers. If you are interested in being a supporter, please let Pat Thieben know.

Pat also shared a brief update from the Department of Education. Due to the cutting of Perkins funding, budgets have been cut and travel is limited. The division is down two consultants. We are in the process of hiring a new Adult Education Consultant after Helene Grossman retired.

Budget: A budget sheet was provided for the group (attached). The Health Science Program Management Committee has been allocated \$5,000 for the year. The year ends June 30, 2012. Currently, Pat has estimated the amount of travel funds it will take for the face-to-face meetings. The actual amount may be lower than what was estimated. The remaining amount needs to be spent by June 30 and can be spent on any activity that supports our purpose and guidelines. Some suggestions include:

- Scholarship for secondary instructors to attend the Health Science Conference at Kirkwood

- Assist HOSA state officers in attending the National Policy Seminar Meeting in Washington DC
- Assist HOSA state officers in attending the State Officer Leadership Training
- Counselor Education on Health Science Careers, etc.
- Workshops for Health Science Educators
- Scholarship for a health science professional organization of the recipient's choice (i.e. Iowa Rad. Tech Association, etc.)

More discussion is needed on this. We do need to make a decision at the next meeting so that the money can be spent.

Identification of Future Meeting Days and Times: The following dates and times were scheduled for future meetings:

January 20, 2012 Webinar – 8:30 to 11:30 AM

April 20, 2012 – Face-to-Face Meeting in Des Moines – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

July 20, 2012 – Webinar – 8:30 to 11:30 AM

Topics for Future Meetings: The following topics still need to be covered, and I am sure there will be much more to add to future agendas. Pat will work with Rita to develop an agenda for the next Webinar Meeting.

- Future education of the group regarding secondary programs and their requirements
- Program of Study and Technical Skill Assessment
- Community College Grant to develop Model Programs for Health Science
- Budget Decisions
- Brainstorming Session – Identification of 1-year and 5-year activities/goals
- Presentation on AHEC

Thanks again for all of those who were in attendance. Your input is vital to further Health Science education in the State of Iowa.

Submitted by Pat Thieben, Health Science Consultant