Partnership Academy of Health Sciences

Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at: 8:01am

**Present:** Della Meyers, Riley Sexton, Jose Valdez, Kevin Elling, Kim Behrens, Dr. Myron Lord, Rafael Rivas, Salma Aziz, Dr. Timothy Suorsa, Dr. Ramon Resa, Tracy Skaggs, Vickie Foster, Dr. Kellie Sulier, Dr. Amirali Mirenayat, Gary Santos, Cheri Taylor, Kathy Chavez, Pam Avila, Ryan Leasure, Vanessa Salas

**Absent:** Jennifer Stewart, Karen Fleming, Dr. Shashi Ganti, Anita Suarez

**Minutes of December 08, 2016 meeting** – Approved with the following corrections:

* On December 9th students met with pathway representatives from AERO not ARROW
* Students from the EMT class have been completing clinical training with Imperial Ambulance, not the students from the Sport’s Medicine class
* On December 9th, Dr. Lord and Jose Madrigal taught two different classes. Mr. Madrigal taught trauma assessments and Dr. Lord taught child birth and delivery methods

**Academy Lead Report:** Dr. Elling

Our 2017 CPT report is complete and will be submitted in January. Work is being completed to prepare for the annual CPA conference scheduled for March 5th-7th in Sacramento. We are finalizing the data for our annual NAF report that will be ready to be submitted in February. We anticipate an onsite visit in 2018 to assess and renew our Distinguished Status.

This year marks the highest number of valedictorians from the academy. From a total of 85 students, 58 have a 3.0 GPA or higher 18 have a 3.75 and 9 have a 4.0 or higher, including our Board Student Representative; Riley Sexton.

**Student Activity Report:**  Ms. Riley Sexton

The contract issue with SVMC for student internships has been resolved, students are back on schedule to complete their clinical hours at the hospital. As it turns out, SMVC requires that all MOUs and affiliation agreements be updated annually. Knowing this is the case, we will be sure to renew the MOU for 2018 well in advance to avoid unnecessary delays.

The HSA Student Council has been busy coordinating blood drives, Relay for Life and planning the annual Rock-A-Thon. Rock-A-Thon is an event in which students raise money and volunteer to cover respite time for the caregivers of Alzheimers and dementia patients through the Porterville Adult Day Services. During this 24 hour event, students participate in games, educational activities regarding Alzheimers and Dementia and help up to 46 families in the process. In past years, students raised money to sponsor one team, due to the popularity of this event; three teams have been created for this year thus needing sponsorship of $125.00 per team. Mrs. Myers and Mr. Santos offered to each sponsor a team. If any other board member wishes to help the HSA students, please contact Ms. Sexton at 559-782-3423.

Ms. Sexton introduced Katie Garcia – VP of Student Council who coordinated a virtual-web based/ conference call with Red Cross clubs from across the state. The intention of the call is for participants to gain ideas on growing their club membership; learn how to gain and track service hours and seek overall support from other clubs. It should come as no surprise that our students have the largest, most active club in the state with 180 members where as some clubs who participated in the call only have between 7 and 30 members. Our Red Cross club is open to other academies including PAB, however all the club officers are PAHS students.

**Scholarship Report:** Dr. Lord

Dr. Lord reviewed in detail the Treasurer’s report that Dr. Suorsa distributed to the board on January 12th. Dr. Lord acknowledged SVMC’s Board of Directors, Medical Foundation and League of volunteers for donating most of the $113,000 that have been raised since 2013. As a result of this Scholarship Fund 21 students have received an award with 13 being awarded $6500 or larger awards. In preparation for this year’s fundraising campaign, Dr. Lord and Mr. Leasure created an informational video highlighting four former recipients; German Ruiz, Micaela Johnson, Jocelyn Rodriguez and Cristela Samaniego in which they describe how the award has allowed them to purchase expensive books, cover housing costs and other expenses.

**Pathways Report:** Ryan Leasure

Mr. Leasure distributed an updated Advisory Board Partnership Agreement for 2016/2017 and a document entitled Advisory Board Policies outlining guidelines for a 60 minute meeting that reflects the purpose, highlights the bylaws and states board member responsibilities. Dr. Lord asked the board to review and return the signed agreements by the February 9th board meeting.

Mr. Leasure invited the board to participate in the annual Student Interviews scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, January 24th and 25th from 9am to 12:30pm in the library. Participants can help on one or both days depending on their availability. The Student Interviews provide for many students their first opportunity to dress professionally, formally sell themselves and receive valuable feedback on their professional attire, business handshake and vocabulary. This also creates an opportunity for business partners to be part of this enrichment experience for the students. Please contact Ms. Leasure directly if you can participate.

**General Updates:**

* In addition to the Student Interviews, preparations are underway for the annual Mentor’s Conference where more than 600 sophomores participate. Please anticipate being asked to participate in this life changing event for our students
* The Nutrition Course subcommittee will meet the second Tuesday in February at 11am in Dr. Elling’s office

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02am. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Rivas