Partnership Academy of Health Sciences

Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

February 09, 2017

The meeting was called to order at: 8:02am

**Present:** Riley Sexton, Jose Valdez, Kevin Elling, Della Myers, Dr. Myron Lord, Rafael Rivas, Salma Aziz, Tracy Skaggs, Vickie Foster, Dr. Kellie Sulier, Dr. Amirali Mirenayat, Cheri Taylor, Kathy Chavez, Pam Avila, Ryan Leasure, Vanessa Salas

**Absent:** Christina Garcia/Anita Suarez, Gary Santos, Kim Behrens, Dr. Ramon Resa, Dr. Timothy Suorsa, Jennifer Stewart, Karen Fleming

**Minutes of January 12, 2017 meeting** – Approved with the following corrections:

* The reference to *Porterville Adult Day Services* should be changed to *Valley Adult Day Services*

**Academy Lead Report:** Dr. Elling

The senior class will travel on their last college field trip to UCSF – San Francisco where they’ll have lunch while they listen to a presentation by a university professor who uses animals for patient therapy. The 36 students will be given a tour the campus including a visit to the medical, dental and pharmacy schools. Our own Jairo Ceballos now in his first year of dental school will also meet the students. Our 2017 CPT and NAF reports have been submitted. We anticipate maintaining our Distinguished Status this year and plan to have an onsite visit from NAF in 2018. This year’s annual CPA conference is scheduled for March 5th-7th in Sacramento and will be attended by Dr. Elling, Ms. Chavez and other staff.

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

 Student council’s February health topic is Women’s Red Dress in awareness of heart disease in women. The annual Health Leadership Conference that is coordinated by the Tulare County Office of Education will be held on Thursday, February 23rd at College of the Sequoias and will be attended by 20 freshmen and 12 sophomores. The Red Cross club will participate in a Relay 4 Life event on February 25th if transportation can be arranged. Additionally, club members have supported “Valentines for Vets” in which over 100 letters have been written and sent to the local veteran’s chapter office in Visalia.

Student internships at SVMC’s ER/LD&R and Saturday ride-alongs with Imperial Ambulance and the Fire Department have been going well. Ms. Sexton introduced Eric Hernandez and Katherine Maldonado who are completing their internships at SVMC’s OR and ER departments. Eric is the first HSA student to be allowed in the OR suite at SVMC. After undergoing an orientation on operating room protocols Eric was able to witness a knee surgery performed by Dr. Porter. Dr. Lord encouraged him to seek Dr. Dhillon, a charismatic OBGYN physician who loves to teach. Katherine is the incoming PAHS Board Student Representative. Student council will be teaching Sidewalk CPR at the annual Ag Expo in Tulare. Ms. Sexton has created PAHS patches that students can purchase for their letterman jackets; the cost is $10 per patch.

**Report on student interviews and mentor’s conference:** Mr. Ryan Leasure

Mr. Leasure expressed sincere gratitude to everyone who was able to participate in the annual student interviews. As a Pathways office representative Mr. Leasure knows firsthand the strengths and areas of improvement for each academy. He has been pleased with the maturity and professionalism that our students demonstrated during their interviews and the work leading up to the interviews. Including having consistently well written resumes with various volunteer and work experiences that are not characteristic of students from other academies.

In addition to helping with the Student Internships, board members are encouraged to participate in the annual Mentor’s Conference currently scheduled for Friday, April 21st. This is an event in which over 600 sophomores from all twelve academies come together at Port Naz church from 8:30 to 1:30pm to hear from industry professionals various topics such as Workplace Effectiveness and other important topics. Everyone is highly encouraged to participate, even if it’s primarily as an observer.

Following the Mentor’s Conference the annual Pathway Exhibition will occur on April 26th. During this event students from various pathways will showcase their best work to 6th grade students from various feeder schools. The event will be held at the Fairgrounds in the metal building at the farm. Please mark your calendar and come support our students with your presence.

**Scholarship Committee:** Dr. Lord

Dr. Lord and Mr. Leasure showed a revised power point presentation that will be used for this year’s scholarship fundraising campaign. The presentation includes a video that highlights three scholarship recipients; German Ruiz, Micaela Johnson and Cristela Samaniego in which they describe how the award has allowed them to purchase expensive books, cover housing costs and other expenses. The presentation also covers overall student statistics such as graduation ratios from pathway students compared to non-pathway students and information on NAF’s Distinguished Status by other academies. Additional revisions will be made to the presentation before it’s reviewed with the various past donor groups.

**Update on mentoring for internships:** Mr. Ryan Leasure

 As students begin to complete their internships they will be guided on submitting their internship self-evaluations. Mr. Leasure will contact the board members who’ve agreed to serve as a mentor when the self-evaluations are ready to be reviewed.

**Report on Nutrition Subcommittee:** Dr. Myron Lord

 The Nutrition subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 7th with the plan to review the current student curriculum as it relates to nutrition. As a result of this review, it became evident that implementing a nutrition class may interfere with other courses required by NAF. Therefore, each committee member has been assigned the task of conducting research and presenting their findings in an essay on what they think are important facts about implementing a nutrition course that may justify replacing or offering in lieu of other required courses and still meet NAF’s curriculum.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05am. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th in the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Rivas