Partnership Academy of Health Sciences

Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at: 8:00 am

**Present:** Riley Sexton, Gary Santos, Kevin Elling, Della Myers, Dr. Myron Lord,

Dr. Kellie Sulier, Dr. Timothy Suorsa, Vickie Foster, Dr. Amirali Mirenayat, Cheri Taylor, Karen Fleming, Kathy Chavez, Pam Avila, Ryan Leasure, Vanessa Salas, Jocelyn Contreras, Able Ojeda, and Jocelyn Contreras.

**Absent:** Christina Garcia/Anita Suarez, Jose Valdez, Kim Behrens, Rafael Rivas, Jennifer Stewart

Salma Aziz, Tracy Skaggs, Christine Agda

**Minutes of April 13th, 2017 meeting** – Approved as written

# Academy Lead Report: Dr. Elling

# April was a time of rap ups for the Freshman and Sophomores and for the Senior Ted Talks which were a huge success. Dr. Elling ask that before the Advisory Board left today’s meeting that we vote for 4 or 5 of the surrounding Junior projects. Each project was testing a societal health improvement theory; against a scientifically proven medical method. Did science see value in some these theories? All projects were done extremely well; it was hard to choose. Dr. Elling said that there were still funding struggles. Chavez informed us that Perkins, the Department of Education, provides transportation and supplies and there were some issues. The biggest issue on our side was realizing what Perkins wanted, which was that every item needed to be tagged with a corresponding number on the inventory sheet. But some items that were being used went back years, and they just had pet names….no number, no tag, and were on or off the inventory sheet. They are working on it. Dr. Elling said that NAF had more last minute requirements. They needed one senior to meet their requirements to remain distinguished.

# Student Activity Report: Avila/Ms. Riley Sexton

# Riley Sexton was awarded the 2017 Red Cross South Pacific Central Valley Youth and Young Adult Volunteer Award given at the prestigious: A Century of Service American Red Cross Central Valley Annual Recognition Dinner. This Advisory Council is very proud of Riley. The whole Academy participated in the Junior Medical Reserve Corp (JMSC) Anthrax simulation on April 18th. It went very well. New officers for PAHS Student Council are as follows:

**SENIORS**

Meagan Daly… President

# Cole Sanders…Vice president

**JUNIORS**

Taylor White…Secretary

Angelica Torres

**SOPHOMORES**

Catherine Intiman

Abel Lopez…Treasurer

Julieta Munoz

Victoria Velarde

Pathways Exhibitions were held on April 25th – 26th, and approximately 1600 6th graders toured the various academy exhibits done by both the Juniors and Seniors. The Ted Talks were also given. TED talks are Senior Projects integrated into a one minute video and then the senior must give a 3 to 5-minute problem solving speech on a major health indicator which they have chosen for their project. It is very important to note that on the last ride along, Riley Sexton got to preform CPR. Riley Sexton and Eric Hernandez are going to give a leadership conference in June on “How to be a Leader in the PAHS Program”. This came about because other students wanted to accomplish what they had throughout the years. What a tribute to Eric and Riley. The Annual PAHS graduation was held on Sunday, April 30th. Jairo Ceballos was the keynote speaker. Outstanding Academic Male was David Ojeda and Outstanding Academic Female was Caitlan Kelly. The Outstanding CTE Awards went to Riley Sexton and Eric Hernandez. The Fighting Heart Award went to Jaybree Lopez and a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Lord. There is a tradition to pass Mrs. Avila’s daughters stethoscope from the present Student Advisory Council Representative to next year’s representative. Riley passed the esteemed stethoscope to Joselyn Contreras. Joselyn is now the Advisory Board’s Student Representative for the 2017-2018 year.

**Introduction of the HOSA Officers.**

Mrs. Fleming is the advisor for the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). They had a soft opening this year, but did assist with the blood drive. She introduced the new officers and reminded everyone that they would be doing fundraising next year in-order to attend the State Leadership Conference. Leadership skills are only open to Porterville Health Academy Students. HOSA will take part in many of the health- related events next year.

**Summer Internship Program as SVMC:** Leasure

There will be a Summer Internship opportunity to be held in July including as an introduction to the Hospital and dedicated to helping students stay focused on their grades and career choices. Ryan said that the structure is now there to link students to the Advisory Council. The Board can now have usernames and passwords. Ryan will be available through June to make sure that this program will continue next year.

**Farewells**: Ryan and Riley

Ryan Leasure will be leaving us next year due to budget restraints. Dr. Lord was upset that he was not talked to about this but will have a chance to voice his concerns later this week…and he will. Dr. Lord said that RYAN WAS AN INOVATOR. Ryan as a Work-base Coordinator had done so much to enhance the PAHS program and worked so well as the liaison between the school and staff and the Advisory Board. He will be truly missed. Dr. Lord also said good-bye to Riley Sexton who will be attending Oregon State next year studying to be a Veterinarian. She was an excellent Student Representative and we wish her well in all her endeavors.

# Scholarship Committee Update: Dr. Lord and Tim Suorsa

# Dr. Lord made it very clear that he could not talk about the results for the awards for scholarships because it was a closely guarded secret. The Award Ceremony will be held on the evening of May 15th. One award, however, will be presented to a young man named Daniel Davis, because he has never missed a day of school since Kindergarten. It was decided to give him a scholarship to help him accomplish his goals.

**General Announcements:**

Dr. Elling introduced Abel Ojeda from Pro-PT. He has been working at many of the High School’s sports events as a Sports Physical Therapist. Ojeda said he came to the advisory Council in-order to see if he would fit in. Dr. Lord took advantage of that moment and within seconds we had a new council member, welcome, Abel Ojeda.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am. This was the final meeting until August 2017 TBA

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary,

Cheri Taylor