Partnership Academy of Health Sciences

Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at: 8:00am at Sierra View Medical Center – Whitney Conference room

Combined meeting with teaching faculty from PHS Health Science Academy

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

**Absent:** Dr. Shashi Ganti, Christina Garcia

**Breakfast, Meet and Greet:**

The board and faculty gathered for breakfast and were welcomed by Mrs. Donna Hefner, President and CEO for SVMC. Mrs. Hefner reminisced on her own career path that started as an LVN and expressed sincere gratitude for everyone’s dedication to the teaching and mentoring of the HSA students.

**Minutes of October 13, 2016 meeting** – Review and approval was postponed to December meeting.

**Self-Introductions:**

Dr. Lord asked each of the faculty and board members to introduce themselves; describe their role in the advisory board or faculty and share an interesting fact about them. It is truly inspiring to have such a dedicated and committed group of individuals with a wide range of skills and life experiences collectively working to improve the student’s education.

**Reports of last class year: Mrs. Aziz**

Ms. Aziz provided a PowerPoint presentation with last year’s student statistics that included whole student body GPA and California Standard Test scores by grade level. The presentation also provided areas of deficit per grade and subject among the HSA students. This allowed the faculty members who were present to understand where they need to focus their curriculum and instruction with current students to ensure better outcomes. Overall, the HSA students are exceeding in test scores and GPA compared to the student body. The report also provided a summary of the colleges and universities where students went post-graduation; 42 students enrolled in community colleges, 16 at California State Universities, 10 at the University of California system, 1 at a private university and 3 enlisted in military services. According to Mrs. Aziz, it is important to note that many of the students attending community colleges were admitted to four year universities however due to financial constraints opted to enroll in community colleges.

Mrs. Aziz also gave an update on the week long Summer Bridge program offered to incoming freshmen this past summer. Each of the faculty members present were able to provide a summary of what was covered in their classroom. The material covered included focused study skills, reading strategies, medical terminology mathematical ratios and fractions and related them to health fields and a pep-talk from participating advisory board members. Overall, the program was very successful, however the feedback is that one week was too short and everyone involved wants to continue and expand this program for next summer’s incoming freshmen.

**NEW approach to evaluating student internships utilizing internet and advisory board members as mentors:** Mr. Ryan Leasure, WBL Coordinator

In an effort to improve the current process of student’s self-evaluations of their internship experience Dr. Lord and Mr. Leasure created a program using Google Classrooms via Google Docs, in which students will be partnered with an Advisory Board member or PAHS faculty whom will work with the student on a one on one basis. The format is secure and confidential in which only the mentor and the administrator have access to the content that the student uploads. Due to the web based function of the program; users will be able to access the information from any location where they can log into the program. This platform is live and can be modified before the student submits their final evaluation. Dr. Lord sought volunteers to serve as mentors for the students. Dr. Sulier, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Behrens and Ms. Taylor volunteered to serve as mentors. This program will be piloted by the above referenced board members, Dr. Lord and Mr. Leasure during the last 15 minutes of the December board meeting and will continue in this format until further notice. Mr. Leasure will provide an update once the program is functioning.

**General Updates:**

* Dr. Suorsa’s financial report has been rescheduled for the December 8th Board meeting

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at the Career Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

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