

Partnership Academy of Health Sciences
Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015

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

Present: Christina Agda, Creston Dupree, Dan Holloway, Donna Hefner, RN, Gary Santos, Jose Valdez, Kevin Elling, Kim Behrens, Dr. Myron Lord, Rafael Rivas, Dr. Ramon Resa, Salma Aziz, Dr. Tim Suorsa, Tracy Skaggs, Vickie Foster, Cristela Samaniego, Jeanni Buzzelli, Karen Fleming, Kathy Chavez, Mimi Schuler, Pam Avila, Rubén Alvarez, Jeffery Hudson

Absent: Elizabeth Keele,

Welcome and Introductions:

HSA Students presented Dr. Lord with a much deserved "RN Degree and tools" for the care he provided to Mrs. Lord during her recovery from a medical procedure.

Minutes of March 12, 2015 meeting: were approved as presented.

Academy Lead Report: Kevin Elling

Distinguished Status: We Made It!

We have reached NAF Distinguished Status! It appears that two other schools in the U.S. have also reached Distinguished Status; however, we believe we are the only true school to reach this status based on CPA guidelines. The other schools are a stand-alone 7th-12th grade school in Pomona, CA and Miami Lakes, a 9th-14th grade, technical school that incorporates two years of community college in their student demographics. As a Distinguished Academy, we will be invited by NAF to present at the annual conference.

Physics Class: yes or no?

We have a challenge in offering the physics class during the junior year and cannot offer it during the senior year; therefore a decision on being able to offer a physics class is still pending.

Report from Pam Avila:

Internship - Personal update: Cristela Samaniego

Cristela has completed internship hours with both the ultrasound and ER staff at the hospital. She notes a dramatic difference in the calmness in the ultrasound area compared to the busy flow of the ER where she witnessed patients face life changing diagnosis and traumas

Other internships (out of hospital) Where are they?

- Erika has spent 2 months in physical therapy where she has been able to interact with patients and schedule rehab appointments. She will conclude her internship class with Dr. Harvey in radiology.
- Alexis has completed her rotation on the OB/labor and delivery unit where she has observed deliveries and post-partum unit visits as well as working with staff in the NICU. She too will conclude her internship with Dr. Harvey where she will observe patients undergoing thoracenteses and paracenteses procedures.

Report on Alternative Medicine Class

The Alternative Medicine class is going well. Four or five of the students will have a Poster Presentation at the NAF conference in Anaheim.

Student Participation in hospital's "No patient dies alone program" update

Nancy Castaneda is a hospice nurse currently helping to develop the student curriculum for this program. Dan Holloway is also helping prepare the students for the emotional aspect of this program.

Committee Reports:

Mentor's Conference: Dan Holloway and Ruben Alvarez

This year's Mentor's Conference will include 600 sophomore students. While the agenda is the same as past years, more time (45 minutes) has been allocated to the portion where students will interact with the panel of professionals and former academy graduates. Dan Holloway is chairing the conference and has confirmed the following participants for the panel: Jairo Ceballos, Jose Madrigal, Christina Agda, and Dr. Resa. Additional panelist participants will be confirmed from the hospital and Family HealthCare Network. Dr. Lord will continue to serve as the panel's moderator.

Scholarship: Dr. Lord

Newest Committee member: Christina Agda

Presentations have been made to 5-6 community groups in addition to over 110 letters personally addressed to community physicians to seek contributions for our scholarship.

Applications for scholarship aid have been sent to 15 students whom have a GPA 3.5 or greater for their last 5 semesters. Four out of 15 have returned completed applications. Dr. Lord presented two questions for the board to consider: First, should we change the scholarship eligibility criteria to allow students to have 5 out of 7 semesters with a GPA that is 3.5 or greater in order to qualify rather than our current requirement that the students maintain a 3.5 GPA or greater in the last 5 semesters? Second, should we award 100% of the money raised per year, or establish an award amount and save the balance raised for future years? – The board unanimously agreed to change the proposed eligibility criteria to 5 out of 7 semesters and establishing a yearly award amount and saving the balance for future years. The Scholarship Committee will take the Board's recommendation under advisement to phase in the changes for future awards. The Scholarship Committee will hold interviews on Thursday, April 9th. Scholarship award night will be held on May 11th.

Open Communications: Comments, questions or suggestions

- Dr. Elling announced that 22 out of 69 eligible seniors will be participating in the Senior Trip. This year the students will travel to UC Irvine and visit the Whitaker Health Center along the way.
- Mimi Schuler announced that students will be exhibiting their work on Tuesday, April 28th and Board members are encouraged to serve as evaluators from 4-5 pm. Please contact Mimi if you are able to serve as an evaluator.
- Ms. Avila announced that student graduation will be held on Sunday, April 26th at 4:00pm, Board members are encouraged to attend if their schedule allows.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03am.

Next meeting: May 14, 2015 at the Career Center at 7:45am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Rafael Rivas