Partnership Academy of Health Sciences

Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

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

**Present:** Joselyn Contreras, Dr. Kevin Elling, Dr. Myron Lord, Kevin McCurdy, Della Myers, Abel Ojeda, Judy Parker, Rafael Rivas, Tracy Skaggs, Dr. Timothy Suorsa, Cheri Taylor, TG Thomas, Jose Valdez, Ruben Alvarez, Pam Avila, Salma Aziz, Kathy Chavez, Mimi Schuler, Hannah Haberkorn, Yessenia Ramos

**Absent:** Kim Behrens, Vickie Foster, Christina Garcia, Gary Santos, Karen Fleming, Lupe Guillen, Rebecca Reyes, Vanessa Salas, Sarah Weaver

**Welcome and Introductions:** Rafael Rivas

Introduced and welcomed Judy Parker, Valley Adult Care Services will be the successor for Cheri Taylor when she retires. Hannah Haberkorn, student internship with emergency room physician testimonial. Yessenia Ramos will replace Joselyn Contreras as Student Rep on the Advisory Board.

**Minutes of February 8, 2018 meeting**: Approved as presented.

**Academy Lead Report:** Dr. Kevin Elling

Senior Field Trip – Senior’s toured the USC and Southern California University Health Science. Among the highlights, students were given the opportunity to tour a cadaver lab and observe, touch, feel and hold body organs. Integrated projects for next year may include alternative medicine subjects. PAHS Michelle Odsather presented the senior defense presentation on March 5, 2018 at the CPA conference in Sacramento. Although there is a delay in CPA reporting, funds may be distributed in May. PAHS not in danger of losing any part of funding since more than 90 students are participating.

**Student Activity Report:** Joselyn Contreras/Pam Avila

Jocelyn introduced Yessenia Ramos as her successor for next year. Yessenia is focused and well prepared for the responsibilities. Seniors experienced an amazing field trip to several different university campuses, hosted a successful Rock-a-thon scheduled with more than 60 participants and completed the junior student interviews. April and May is crunch time for the senior project with preparation for Ted Talk projects. Pam Avila received the prestigious award from the International Nurses Association as the selected top Family Nurse Practitioner and will be featured in the 2018 edition Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare.

**Work-Based Learning Updates:** Mimi Schuler / Ruben Alvarez

Mimi presented the stipend packet from Edison International. Students may earn $510 for 80 hours for qualifying internships from a pool of $80,000.

Ruben facilitated 84 student interviews in 2 days. Only 1 interviewer per student was available. The goal for next year is to have enough volunteers for 2 interviewers per student.

**Board Committee Updates:**

**Internship:** Mimi presented 2018 Stipend Application Packet.

**Curriculum:** PAHS is continually adapting the curriculum. Nutrition is embedded throughout the program. Next year, sophomores will be offered a global health class that will span 1 year and include nutrition.

**Marketing:** Need to secure 5-7 professionals to serve on a panel for theMentor’s Conference scheduled for April.

**Scholarship:** Dr. Lord presented to the SVMC’s Volunteer League, Foundation Board and Governing Board. He is sending personal letters to medical professionals who have donated in the past. The committee consists of Dr. Myron Lord, Dr. Tim Suorsa and Mr. Rafael Rivas. Dr. Lord is requesting for one more volunteer to serve on the scholarship committee. Meetings to convene several times in April to review, interview candidates and determine who will be awarded PAHS scholarships. This year, 27 students qualify. March 28, 2018 is the deadline to submit the scholarship applications.

**General Announcements:**

Mr. Rivas shared his analysis of the Linked Learning Convention he attended in Anaheim on February 12-14, 2018. The resonating message throughout the conference was the efforts to create positive experiences for student internship programs that offer real-life experiences put into practice. These internships are great opportunities for students to identify and/or confirm what they want and grant students exposure for a better perspective. Family HealthCare Network is committed to hosting student internships.

Dr. Lord dinner will be March 27, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Porterville High School cafeteria.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 12, 2018in the PHS Career Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Della Myers