

Health Professions Hub/Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

Members Present: Susan Barnard, Helen Ann Epstein, Bill Mullaney, Denise Avrutik, and Amanda Vaughn

At our first meeting, the following ideas were discussed as part of our initial brainstorming session.

- Creation of Pre-Health Professions Pathways
- Summer Institutes for Faculty and Students Organized around Current Topics in the Profession
- Short-term Peer Mentor Program
- Four-week Smart Start Program that focuses on career exploration, terminology, CPR/First Aid certification, and career plan development
- Connecting Library liaisons more closely to the HP Programs
- Possible programs in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)
- Creation of an Autism program
- More Networking sessions/Community sessions

To pursue the possible programs, the Hub members agreed that we need to seek out more data as it related to jobs in these industries. Also, with regard to Autism, to find out what the types of jobs are emerging as the disorder becomes more prevalent in society, and if national credentials are being developed.

Susan shared with the group some of the plans that were taking place for the Community Health Week, which will occur from April 12-April 16 at all three sites of BCC, beginning with a 5K Walk in support of the NJ Sharing Network, an organ donation organization.