

Bergen Community College

Health Professions Hub/Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2015

Members Present: Susan Barnard, Nancy Owens, Joseph Mamatz, Helen Ann Epstein, Denise Avrutik, Bernie Fuersich, Goli Kocharian, Amanda Vaughan, Carmen Torres, Betty Romano, Irene Figliolina.

Absent: William Mullaney, Lisa Duddy, JanaThorson, Salwa Muhammed

The group has expanded since the initial meeting. Introductions were made and the the expanded scope of representation on the HP Hub was noted.

Topics Discussed:

- Wellness and Exercise Science as a part of the Division of Health Professions. Increase in medically based fitness programs. Bernie Fuersich discussed the expanding role of graduates from Exercise Science and Wellness.
- Trends in Healthcare
 - Changing delivery of healthcare and impact on curriculum
 - Non-credit credential and credit health professions programs
 - Information Literacy (health literacy, financial literacy)
 - Employee Wellness Program
 - HIPAA and security of personal health information
 - Medical simulation
- Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning Experiences
 - Discussion on current and future practices of interdisciplinary learning opportunities that included surgical technology, paramedic science, radiography, respiratory care, nursing, medical office assistant, radiation therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, dental hygiene and short term programs in patient care technician, certified nursing assistant, central sterile supply technician and pharmacy technician. Opportunities include simulation and collaborative practice.
- HPOG Grant
 - Susan Barnard and Nancy Owens discussed the HPOG grant and that the Consortium will be applying for HPOG 2.0 for \$15 million dollars with Health Professions Pathways as the focus. The Consortium has expanded by 5 colleges in this next initiative. The original members include Bergen, Brookdale, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Community College of Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and

Warren. New colleges include Ocean, Mercer, Raritan Valley, Atlantic Cape and Cumberland. The grant focuses on enrollment, completion and employment of TANF and low income individuals. A part of the new initiative will be the creation of a Health Pathways Explorer Academy for 9th and 10th grade high school students from TANF and low income families to explore opportunities in healthcare.

- Essential skill development was discussed related to the changing culture of the healthcare workplace.
- Nancy Owens discussed the success of the integration of contextualized learning in the Patient Care Technician program.

- Community Health Week
 - Susan Barnard reported that the Community Health Week was held in Paramus, Hackensack and the Meadowlands and was successful. The NJ Sharing Network 5K Walk was also very successful with several students and faculties volunteering.

- Service Learning and Experiential Opportunities
 - Discussion centered on non-workforce development of essential skills and community outreach. Several health professions programs incorporate service learning into the curriculum. HPOG also has a service learning requirement for participants.

- Social Media and Alumni
 - Discussion centered on the importance of maintaining connections with alumni and the use of social media to promote the programs.

- Health Professions Integrated Teaching Center
 - Susan Barnard discussed progress on construction of the new Health Professions Integrated Teaching Center.

The next meeting of the Health Professions Hub will be scheduled in September.