



# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Surgical Technology Advisory Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st, 2016. Advisory members participating were Sue Masuen, Denise Stansbury, Sheryl Ford, Jenny Jolin, Sam Riordan, Dr. Keith Volstedt, Steve Church, Rochelle Preece, Michael Rohlena, April Leigh, Holly Trudell, Renee Nemitz and Mary Jongma.

The minutes from the Advisory Meeting held on March 19th, 2015 were presented and approved. Sue motioned to approve the minute as presented and Jenny second the motion all were in favor.

The community college performance targets were discussed. The I-HUM grant was explained and discussed. The items that were purchased with the grant are a health care simulation based. A Syndaver and a lift tank were items purchased for the program with the grant funds. The Syndaver is a Synthetic cadaver and the lift tank allows us to rise her up out of the tank without physically doing it. The lift tank also allows mobility since it is on wheel we can move it to our lab for use. The room that she is in right now is very small and does not allow for all the student to get around Syndaver and does not give them any space to document information. There was discussion creating a permanent room that would be cohesive to learning. The school is working on creating a simulation area or lab that would also house the nursing simulators that were purchased. We also discussed of having a demo at the fall advisory committee meeting.

The Perkins Program Proficiencies was discussed. Handouts were reviewed, the program using the certification practice exam from NBSTSA as the assessment. Benchmark is set at 75% of students will achieve a 115 or higher. Stats for 2015 showing that 9 students sat for the exam and 8 of students achieved 115 or higher proficiency level. The benchmark was met. Advisory Committee agreed to continue using the exam tool.

The annual 4-Column Assessment results for 2014/2015 and the plan 2015/2016 were presented and reviewed. It was explained that the criteria is what eh program uses to measure outcomes of the program and make any changes if needed. She reviewed with the committee the results from 2014/2015, which all thresholds were met. The 2015/2016 plans were discussed and the committee was asked if we should change the any of the thresholds. Since the thresholds match the accreditation standards, the Advisory Committee all agreed to keep everything the same.

Program update... 18 started the program and 13 are scheduled to graduate. Discussion of retention and the ARCSTSA benchmarked at 70%, the program continues to not meet the set threshold. Admissions was discussed, the computerized placement test is the only criteria that has to be met to be accepted into the program. The college is an open enrollment school so we cannot use an interview process. The program purposed that we delete the diploma and move the AAS degree.. The program being 9 months we are pushing 2 years of material into that amount of time which makes it hard for some students to keep their grades up. The discussion of moving the program to an Associate Degree 2 years or 18 months to allow more time in the to present the curriculum more effectively and slow it down to possibly increase completion. With the 18 months the program could look at prerequisites and adding observation hours before the student were accepted in the program. It would also allow for more clinical and preceptor time. It was also discussed that the standards and guideline state that the program should be moved to Associates Degree by 2021. The Advisory

board agreed that the program should move forward on deleting the diploma and implementing the AAS degree..

Accreditation onsite schedule visit was discussed. The program received the letter March 17 that the team was coming May 6, 2016 to do their onsite visit. Renee is working on gathering required information for the site visit. Discussed the handout/schedule items #6, #7 & #8 for the visit, there will be lunch with current students and also random committee members will be phoned to participate in interviews with the Accreditation team.

Inquiries/Suggestions from committee members:

Dr. Volstedt suggested more time in the OR's to have more interactions and helps to make them more comfortable. Other suggestions of having the cadaver will be more helpful, more hands on, Suggestions of having observation hours. Renee assured the committee that as they work on the curriculum, they will try to incorporate these things.

A surgical nursing class was suggested by the program. A poll was conducted with Nursing III and Nursing IV to see if the students would be interested in a class that would introduce them to the OR and The surgical patient. It was discussed to setup a semester course for the students in their RN year. The group thought it would be a great idea and to make it an option not mandatory. Advisory Committee all agreed that we should continue to pursue this.

Equipment needs for the program was discussed. Replacing the crank table with an electrical table, male stands. Steve at unity point mention he may have one that they could donate to the program. The program did mention that anyone looking at getting rid of equipment the program would be happy to take it to update the lab. Renee also thank all of the facilities for the donations and support this past year.

Opportunities for Students-Local employment opportunities for our 2016 students included:

4-5 positions at Unity point Health,  
4 positions at Mercy Medical Surgery  
2 position at Dakota Dunes

Renee has also been contacted by University of Iowa and Council Bluffs CHI wants to come up and talk to the class about opportunities available. She has also received phone calls from Storm Lake and Carroll that have made inquiries looking to hire students. She assured the committee that jobs are available.

Program Accomplishments for the class of 2015: 9 that graduated, 9 passed boards and all of these are employed and one is also continuing on with his education.

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