



2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Health Professions Advisory Committee

June 11, 2021

12:00 -1:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held virtually over Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

Visitors and staff to be heard

No visitors or staff were present.

Welcome and introductions

The meeting was attended by Jeneve Joslin, Nicole LaPointe, Jarod Waite, and Darlene Murphy.

Recap of the year

The health professions program is full with a wait list for next year. The committee held a discussion of outreach practices and future ideas. Suggestions included holding a parent night, connecting with principals via Facebook, communicating with guidance counselors, attending Winooski High School's Stem Expo, and building an alumni network. Jeneve discussed her idea for a mentorship program.

Thinking forward

Additional members

Ideas for potential advisory committee members included a representative from the Multicultural Youth Partnership, a recruiter for medical assisting from UVM Medical Center, and representatives from UVM Home Health and Hospice, Burlington or Winooski Community Health Center, and an alumnus. Nicole discussed the emerging role of community health workers as a potential opportunity for advisory input and employment opportunities for students.

Certifications

Students currently have opportunities to obtain certification in Basic Life Support, Bloodborne and Airborne Pathogens, and First Aid. Students also have opportunities to gain college credit and obtain the National Career Readiness certificate. Additional certifications that are under consideration include electronic health record specialist, phlebotomist, and clinical medical assistant. Members discussed the need to seek employer support for determination of need and value of the credential before committing to preparing students for one or more new certifications.

Job shadowing

Members discussed waiting until spring to arrange job shadows for students. At that point, they will have more clarity on career fields of interest and will have learned basic clinical skills and practiced professional communication.

Scholarships

Members were asked to consider whether their organizations might be in a position to provide a scholarship for program students, or if they had suggestions for other organizations to approach. Conversations within CCV and AHEC regarding scholarship support are ongoing.

Program proficiencies

Revising program proficiencies to reduce the focus on medical coding and billing and add in more wellness and nutrition topics will be a priority for next year's work. The revised proficiencies will drive the planning around professional certifications, locations for job shadowing, and additional advisory committee members.

Future agenda items

Members discussed planning a day for the program students to visit CCV in Winooski in the fall. Topics could include an introduction to higher education, and a mock anatomy and physiology class.

The 2021-2022 meetings will be planned for next fall and spring, with one held over Zoom and one held in person.

Open discussion

There was no further business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.