

## KVCC Dental Hygiene Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for 5-16-16

Members Present: Kim Grubka, Samantha Reidenbach, Melissa Hudson, Marcy Jungblut, Dr. Terry Comar, Erika Jackson, Melissa Houchin, Cindy Hapman, and Sandra Glista.

Members Present Via Phone: Rebecca Van Horn.

Members Absent: Dr. Coverly and Dr. Bonine.

Meeting called to order by Kim Grubka at 6:00 pm.

Minutes from the October 2015 meeting were reviewed by all members present; Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes without amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

### Agenda Item: Attendance policy-

The college (KVCC) allows each teacher to set their own attendance policy for their classroom. Kim wrote the attendance policy that is currently being used in all of the clinics and most of the DHY program classes, Kim provided the policy for the board to review. It was pointed out that the policy encourages the students to be present and on time for clinic and holds them accountable for times that they are not. Dr. Comar moved to approve the attendance policy, which was seconded and passed.

### Agenda Item: Immunization policy-

Kim explained that the need for an immunization policy was triggered by a potential future applicant to the dental hygiene program that cannot have immunizations due to medical reasons (allergies to vaccine components). The CDC recommendations are used to establish the required vaccines needed for entry into the program currently; however, this student will be an exception to what has been considered the rule. Kim shared that in consulting with Dr. Blosl, a Student Well Check form was created to help ensure the health of this student before each clinical session, it involves assessing a range of symptoms and taking the student's temperature. The risk of disease transmission to clients is what the form intends to address. After the board reviewed the form, it was stated that perhaps this is not the best way to address the situation and that the student may feel singled out or discriminated against. Dr. Comar voiced concern about legal matters concerning the form. The board agreed that the best choice may be to have the student sign a waiver and not have the Student Well Check form at all. Sandra proposed that instead maybe the Student Well Check Form could be used as a teaching tool to help students decide whether they are sick or not and whether or not they should come to school. Kim stated that she will be revisiting this topic with the Dean in the near future.

### Agenda Item: Continuing Education (CE)-

Kim said KVCC has not provided CE in many years, and she would like to reinstate that. Kim provided a list of recommended speakers from the American Academy of Periodontology and asked for input from the board on topics/ speakers. Dr. Comar recommended Dr. Molinari. Melissa H. and Erika said they thought locally available CE would be well accepted and great to have here. Sandra wondered about online or webinar options. Kim initially wanted to provide 4 offerings a year, but the board agreed that it might be best to start small, with 1 per year and then add on after we get back into it. The board identified a need/ interest in the possibility to do a nitrous oxide or local anesthesia course or refreshers on those topics. Dr. Comar asked about the funding for CE programs and Kim said that the Groves

Center has the funds. Rebecca suggested a survey of grads for scheduling and topic options and to be cognizant about what's going on dentally in our state/region. Sandra and Dr. Comar cautioned about making sure we are an accredited provider of CEUs for the certificates to count for people's credit for relicensure. The current plan is to provide a CE opportunity for the community next spring, so that we have adequate time to plan and ensure the success of the program.

#### Agenda Item: CODA Accreditation-

Kim explained that we will be working on writing our accreditation documents this Fall. She mentioned that we may have to revisit the prerequisite requirement of a liberal arts transferrable chemistry with lab (CHEM 100), which will increase our total program credits.

#### Agenda Item: EFE-

Marcy and Kim explained to the board the involvement of the EFE assisting program in the Middle College. Marcy shared that getting offices to participate in internships was not an issue this year. Marcy is planning on revamping the program to include more DA procedures in the future to give the students more skills and experience. A question was raised about whether or not KVCC will ever be certifying DA's. Kim said no, that we don't have plans to accredit another program. Marcy explained the dilemma that then are we giving the students only a radiography certificate and some experience, and that they are not prepared after the EFE program to sit for the RDA exam.

#### Agenda Item: Capital Request-

Kim provided our Capital Request from 2016-2017 explaining all of the things that we need and where we are in the process of getting items. Kim shared that the program is getting a technology upgrade to high definition (not a complete upgrade) that will go into effect before Fall. The rest of items and the rest of the upgrade will be further requested as money becomes available. Sandra recommended having administration down to our clinic to see the needs that we have.

#### Agenda Item: Other-

Kim shared that competitive admission based on GPA has been implemented and will be in effect this coming Fall for the entering DH class of 2018. Kim stated that 44 applicants applied this year which is an increase from the usual 34 to 36 a year (according to Admission staff Kristen D.). Kim also shared the tentative results from the board exams that all 20 students passed the CDCA, NO and LA, and that 4 students so far passed the written regional exam on the first attempt. No data has come it yet as to National Board scores. Kim shared that she is going to the ADEA directors meeting in New Orleans this summer.

Sandra asked about statistics about the job market for dental hygienists. Sam reported that nationally statistics say it's a fast growing field. The discussion evolved into discussing the rise of corporate dentistry and its effects on dental hygiene and dentistry and the current delivery models for care.

Next meeting is planned for October 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by Samantha Reidenbach.