

**Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2016**

Present: Ashleigh Colpetsir, Dr. Terry Comar, Dr. Leon Coverly, Sandra Glista, Kim Grubka, Cindy Hapman, Katie Hatfield, Melissa Houchin, Melissa Hudson, Erika Jackson, Marcy Jungblut, Dr. Carmy Michael, Samantha Reidenbach, and Rebecca Van Horn

Absent: Dr. Bonine

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Kim Grubka at 6:05 pm.

1. Welcome:

Grubka introduced new full-time instructor Ashleigh Coleptsir, formerly with Dr. Michael's practice.

Grubka reported on her attendance at two conferences this past summer. In June she attended the 2016 ADEA Allied Dental Program Directors' Conference in New Orleans. The conference was very helpful for new directors and provided opportunity to network with other Dental Hygiene Program Directors from Michigan which will help with accreditation. She also attended The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), formerly NERB, meeting held in Baltimore. Both had great guest speakers, she learned a lot, and felt energized after attending. VanHorn recommended the college continue to fund the director to go to the ADEA program director's meeting.

Also this summer Grubka separated the existing handbook into two handbooks; a "regular" handbook and the risk management handbook. She is working with both the Nursing and EMT departments to plan a heart attack scenario for DHY students. Client will have heart attack in chair, EMT will be called and they will transport client to "hospital". Manikin will respond to students.

2. Board results

Grubka distributed the 2014 and 2015 exam results. The full results of 2016 will not be available until next year.

Reidenbach reported that the 2014 students only scored above the national average in two categories, Pharmacology and Community Health. The 2015 results show marked improvement with 7 categories above the national average; significant gains in Pathology, Radiology, and Preventative Agents.

Grubka reported on exam failure rate. For 2015, 19 students took the exam with one failing on their first attempt and never taking a second attempt. In 2016, 19 students took the exam, one failed but passed on second attempt. Goal of 100% passing is met.

Glista asked if results included students accepted under the new competitive acceptance policy. No, those students will take board in 2018. Grubka reported that highest GPA admitted was 3.8 and lowest was 3.1. This semester is the first time since she's been teaching at KVCC that no students dropped during the first 8 weeks of the semester. Discussion followed regarding changes seen in these more competitive students.

Discussion returned to the board results, specifically the exam and licensure requirements for nitrous and local anesthesia. All students that shared their results (students can opt out of sharing exam results with program) passed the nitrous and local sections. Anna Kring has been compiling licensing and employment data on students. Committee members pleased with recent results.

3. 2016/2017 Capital Request Approvals:

Grubka distributed report of Capital Items requested, approved, and received for FY 2016/17. Some items were purchased with \$1000 grant. Thanks to the Welding department for transferring \$5000

to DHY budget so that other items could be purchased. Discussion of equipment followed. Grubka received feedback on intraoral cameras used in private practice.

4. 2017/2018 Capital Requests:

Grubka reported that items not approved last FY were requested again this year. Lengthy discussion followed on ideas to save money but still provide best educational experience for students. Grubka requested feedback on equipment used in practice that the students should have experience with for employability.

5. CODA accreditation:

Grubka reported that the self-study has begun. Instructors were assigned standards to work on. Adjunct faculty will be paid for time spent working on self-study, as long as they do not go over 29 hours/week. Self-study must be mailed in July. Grubka's goal is to have it completed for Dean Taylor by May and mailed in June. Site visit is scheduled for October 2017. She will keep committee posted if they need to be here for site visit.

6. EFE:

Grubka introduced Katie Hatfield who took over as EFE coordinator. Hatfield reported that there are currently 6 students in EFE. They will start internships next semester. Students get college credit as well as certificate in Radiography. EFE students will be helping on the Clinic floor next semester. Each EFE student will be assigned to assist a DHY student in clinic.

Discussion followed regarding what local Dentists look for when hiring. KVCC students have big advantage because of program and clinic experience with DDS on the Clinic floor. Area employers not impressed with Ross/Everest students.

Discussion of role of Dental Therapist and possibility of offering program at KVCC. Biggest obstacle Grubka sees is that it is a Master's program so KVCC would need to partner with University of Detroit or University of Michigan and hire more faculty. Committee advised that a needs study should be done before any decision is made.

7. What's new...

Grubka asked for more feedback on different camera brands being used in private practice. Some have had problems with DigitalDoc cameras.

Grubka reported that she, Reidenbach, and Colpetsir have been approved to take a webinar to learn how to use the NV Microlaser that was purchased in 2013. The company that sold the equipment was sold to another company. That new company is only providing webinar. Van Horn stated that the training should have been part of the purchase price. She suggested that Grubka request the company provide free training, or refund the purchase and return the equipment.

Next meeting schedule for May 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.