

**MNWEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 26, 2017**

The MWCTC Medical Laboratory Technician Advisory Board meeting was held October 26, 2017 at the Luverne Center, 3:00 p.m. in Room 142

Members present: Rita Miller (MLT Program Director), Rejean Knobloch (Sanford Rock Rapids and Sanford Luverne Hospital), Julie Stevens (Pipestone County Medical Center), Jane Polz (Windom Area Hospital), Kris Schneekloth (Sanford Regional Hospital Worthington), Deb Dummer (Redwood Area Hospital), Jackie Otkin (Dean of Allied Health), Lexy Krull (Adjunct faculty), and Vonnie Hinrichsen(Sanford Sheldon Medical Center).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Jill Arp and Jackie Otkin gave an update on the Luverne Center and marketing. Jill started in September as Resource Specialist. She will be working closely with students. Recruiters are going to going to try to get instructors into the classrooms. She also mentioned that the Administration structure has changed. They are going away from Deans on each campus. A dorm is going to be built at the Worthington campus. Information can be found on the website. The pharmacy Tech program will become part of Customized training. It will consist of 200 hours.

Introduction to HealthCare Careers course for High School students began this semester. In Luverne there are 21 students, Windom has 18, and it was unknown how many in Granite Falls.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOPIC: Feedback from weekly evaluation implemented last year

DISCUSSION: Overall, everyone liked the weekly evaluations during Clinicals. It gave the student and Program Director an up-to-date assessment of the student. CLOSED

TOPIC: Reduction of microbiology hours

DISCUSSION: Due to the fact that more hospital labs are outsourcing their microbiology it is becoming more difficult to find labs for microbiology Clinical rotation. Rita mentioned that MN West is looking at simulation of microbiology lab on campus. The MLT program was awarded \$30,000 through Perkins' Grant for an Autoscan Micro 4 Microscan. Additionally, Kristin Fritz who is adjunct faculty has begun a master's program at UND. For her special project she is considering writing a plan for the Simulated Microbiology Lab. UND has a new microbiology simulated lab. OPEN

TOPIC: Capstone course-Feedback

DISCUSSION: June 2017 was the first time the Capstone class was offered. The objective was to increase the number of students pass rate and increase the scores. The Capstone course consists of discussion of professionalism, writing a resume, interviewing, and reviewing for the Board Exam. So far 7 out of 8 students have passed their exam. Scores were higher. 559, 541, 676, 430, 557, 417 and 620. See handout for more data

CLOSED

TOPIC: Background Studies

DISCUSSION: Minnesota Department of Health has implemented fingerprinting. For Federal background studies, which includes criminal records, Minnesota West has changed to Castlebranch. All students are required to use them.

CLOSED

TOPIC: Immunization and test for tuberculosis

DISCUSSION: Some changes for immunization requirements have been noticed; especially for tuberculosis. Redwood Falls and PCMC using the 2 step, Windom, Worthington, Rock Rapids, Luverne, and Sheldon use Quantiferon. Additionally, if student has had chicken pox a titer must be done to prove immunization. All hospitals are requiring an influenza vaccination. CLOSE

ONGOING BUSINESS:**TOPIC: Enrollment**

DISCUSSION: 8 first year students started in August. There are 6 females and 2 male. One student is going very part-time and one is attempting classes for the second time. One student have a B.S. in Biology. Clinical sites have been established for the eight second-year students. VA Hospital in SF is taking 2 students; which is the first time they have taken students.

ONGOING

TOPIC: Feedback from 2017 Clinicals.

DISCUSSION: Rita stressed the importance of making sure the students have their competency checklists with them all the time. Suggestion was made to stress that phlebotomy is required and that students need to “step up an help out” when possible. Rita will emphasize this to the students going to Clinicals in January.

ONGOING

TOPIC: Marketing Updates

DISCUSSION: MLT Program had a booth for Career Expo in Worthington on October 4th. There will be 33 high schools and about 1,832 students. Scrub Camp is November 9th.. Scrub Camp has been a successful marketing tool for all Allied Health programs in Luverne.

ONGOING

TOPIC: Job Outcomes

DISCUSSION: 100% job outcome for all students looking for jobs.

ONGOING

TOPIC: Student Assessment and statistics

DISCUSSION: Board members reviewed statistics. Short discussion followed

ONGOING

NEW BUSINESS:**TOPIC: Introduction to HealthCareer Course**

DISCUSSION: Introduction to Health Career Course began in August at the Luverne Center. The course is for High School students. On October 12th Rita presented a powerpoint discussing the laboratory profession. The students also went into the laboratory and did hands-on Influenza test (using mouth swab).

CLOSED

TOPIC: Avera McKennan and Sanford Education Day

DISCUSSION: Avera McKennan and Sanford hospital labs will have an Education Day on November 7 in Sioux Falls. Rita will be taking her second year students.

CLOSED

TOPIC: Cost of Bloodbanking gel cards

DISCUSSION: Currently the Clinical students are required to do at least 50 type and crossmatches. After discussion it was decided that the number will drop to at least 25 type and crossmatches and more as needed to reach Competency

CLOSED

TOPIC: NAACLS

DISCUSSION: Rita announced that she has been elected to the NAACLS Phlebotomy Accreditation Review Committee for a 4-year term.

CLOSED

The meeting Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Rita Miller