



MINUTES
HIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Skype due to COVID-19

Date of Meeting: November 18, 2020

Members present:

Kengia Sabree	Lisa Wilusz	Marilyn Browne
Monica Roberts	Bonnie Capra	Marcia Castle
Melissa Myrick	Keeva Russell	
Sheila Newberry	Kristin Pecchio	

Others present: Kory Thomas

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

Previous Minutes Approved: The minutes from April 21, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Motion by: *Melissa Myrick* **Second by:** *Lisa Wilusz*

Unfinished Business:

- Industry Chairperson for 2020-2021: Melissa Myrick, BayCare Health System. Kengia thanked Melissa for volunteering through June 2021 and stated that in the future, the committee will need to vote on an industry chairperson.

- Accreditation Findings

Strengths

- Advisory committee is very active and vested in the program
- Faculty
- Students are complementary to the program
- Use of Honor Lock
- HIM tutor – especially coding
- Library resources are extensive, including APA tutorials
- Student services meet the needs of the students
- The program has lots of community support

Opportunities

- High reliance on activities in books
- Tests questions (not at the level needed)

Discussion was held regarding National tests being multiple choice and majority of our courses are designed to reflect that. The committee discussed finding a happy medium because students need to be challenged. The committee suggested adding more open-ended type questions, and scenario-based questions. Sheila mentioned they are using case studies in place of the scenarios and the students like them. ***The committee would like to discuss this more.***

- Inadequate release time for the program director, not enough time to be the PD and PPE coordinator.

During the accreditation, the department had to create a goal for our communities of interest. Even though we commit to this yearly, we have never considered it as one of the program's goal:



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The communities of interest goal is to introduce the health information technology program and its mission to the community through an open house, career fair in Fall and Spring semesters, and during our annual HIP Week celebration. *The committee approved of this goal.*

Program Updates:

- Current Students: 113 HIT, 75 MEDCD, and 10 HCINF=198 however, we have 674 students taking HIM classes.
- YTD Graduates: 19 and 21 students in PPE III/ Potential Graduates by Dec.

Pass Rates

The following pass rates are through 3rd quarter. AHIMA reports is currently down and has not populated 2020 data all year. This information was provided by our testing center and only captures exams that were paid for by the school.

- RHIT- 44% (9T=4P/5F)- *The committee asked for follow up on the 5 that did not pass.*
- CCA-92% (27T=25P/2F)
- CAHIMS-50% (4T=2P/2F)

Curriculum Changes:

A few new courses (HIM1101 and HIM1511) rolled out this fall however we will not have student feedback on these until the end of the semester. Please let us know if you would like to review that data in the Spring. *The committee would like to see the student's feedback in the Spring.*

Subcommittee Reports: None.

Apprentice Update: We were advised that Susan is no longer working for the college. Marilyn said that we are moving forward with apprenticeship initiatives. Kengia will follow up with Marilyn the following week regarding apprenticeships.

Industry Updates & Discussion:

How is the industry recovering since the start of COVID-19? Things are getting back to normal but- not enough to allow students back on site. Kengia stated that for Professional Practice Experience III in Spring that she was comfortable doing it virtually. Kengia shared a few of the virtual options that she's currently doing in the classroom: weekly meetings, webinars, some students have been allowed to shadow via zoom for one hour, the coding tutor did a presentation on coding, and a few HIM professionals shared different HIM processes. The committee discussed hosting individual students and hosting students in group. Keeva then suggested that multiple hospitals sign up to review a process. *The committee agreed and decided to go this route for Spring 2021.*

Baycare is actively hiring again with openings for 7 coders and added 16 more today (11/18). Sarasota has also posted several positions. Kengia asked everyone to send her any openings and that she would post them for our students. Kristin asked if the postings would apply to the BSA/HIM folks and Kengia said she would send them to Shaeleigh. Marilyn also mentioned the employers posting the positions on Handshake. Melissa said that the vaccine is coming and that we should be in better shape next year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm

Secretary: Marcia Castle

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Thank you again for attending the meeting today. I just wanted to quickly follow up on a few of the items we discussed:

RHIT Testers- Of the five students who did not pass the exam this year, two have already scheduled their retakes. One stated that she's saving money to pay for her retake however, Julia said we may have extra money to cover her second attempt. Julia will follow up with her. I've emailed the other two to get an idea of their next steps and to invite them to participate in our next online exam prep course.

Spring PPE Experience-Attached is the two-hour presentation by Nemours Children's Hospital. Though each hospital will over cover one process, I thought would help spark some ideas. They hosted us via WebEx.

Here are the topics that we covered throughout the semester:

- HIM Overview at Nemours
- Record Analysis at the VA Hospital
- Release of Information and Consents at Operation PAR
- Coding an Outpatient Record with Cheryl Bielecki
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- HIPAA and Social Media with Denise Fonzo
- Birth Certificates- originally presented at the FHIMA Convention by the FLDOH

I wish we could have covered CDI, but we attended an ACDIS presentation that was put on during CDI Week. I would have also liked to cover cancer registry but- HCA did cover it for the students that they hosted. I can ask them to do this again in the Spring. I would also like to cover record destruction and can ask Stevens and Stevens to do this since they've invited us for tours in the past.

Are there any other topics that any of you would like to suggest? The semester starts in January but- we would start scheduling the ten presentations beginning the week of February 6th.

Hope this helps,

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Hi there,

Kengia Sabree is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.