SPC St. Petersburg College



Health Information Technology

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 **Time:** 8:06 a.m. – 9:28 a.m.

Location: HEC East Annex Building – Room – EA109

Members Present: Perry Ellis, Lucelly Miller, Joanna Varner

St. Petersburg College Staff Present: Dr. Rebecca Ludwig, Dr. Sheila Newberry, Denise Fonzo, Jennie Orama, Joseph Hatin, Marcia Castle

Members Absent: Vicky Huther, Ronnie Irvin, Colleen McComas, Patricia Schnering, Suzanne Spigner, Amy Storozuk, Tonia Thompson, Karen Youmans

Topic/Discussion

1. Welcome/Introductions:

2. Old Business

- ➤ Approved Minutes from 9-24-15 Meeting
- ➤ Change to ICD-10 in January 2016

1. Discussion/Action

Dr. Sheila Newberry welcomed the attendees to the Spring meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Discussion/Action

Approved by Lucelly Miller and Seconded by Denise Fonzo.

Sheila gave an update on changing to ICD-10. We started using the new books the Fall term, 2015 successfully and we are now in the second term. Working with the new book for Basic ICD-10, the first eight (8) chapters pertain to Introduction to Coding and the reference to the body parts and the remaining chapters are a continuation of any parts of the

> Personnel Changes in HIT Department

➤ Face – to – Face Classes

body that were not taught in the 1st eight (8) chapters. The PCS coding includes seven (7) chapters and they are working out extremely well.

Sheila announced that we have gone through some major changes recently in the Department. Shirley Collar has retired; Eric Carver was acting as the Interim Provost but has been recently promoted to Provost of the Caruth Health Education Center. Also, she is stepping down to Full Time faculty in August 2016 and we are looking for a new Program Director.

Perry asked about Martin Smith and Sheila advised everyone that he was leaving at the end of the Spring term.

Sheila explained that the only face-to-face classes that we have are for coding classes. She stated that there are three (3) sections and out of all three (3), the online classes are full but the Face - to - Face classes, the registration for them are fewer and fewer.

This term she has eight (8) students and three (3) of them are auditing the class. These students are excellent and are teaching her. One of these students already has their RHIT and is now auditing for ICD-10 because the Market is now requiring those hired have the ICD-10 coding already.

It was explained that students who took ICD-9 and have waited too long to sit for their exams are now having to take ICD-10 because the exams are now ICD-10. We are having more students contact us asking if the College is offering any courses for ICD-10. The students are advised that they could take the three (3) courses as an audit but their final grade won't change, they would have to pay for these classes and purchase the new ICD-10 books. They are also advised to check the AHIMA website for any training that they are offering.

Sheila talked about doing a letter for the students stating that the student took ICD-10 otherwise there isn't a record of how well the student did.

Dr. Ludwig suggested contacting the Marketing Department and maybe creating a Certificate of Completion.

Sheila mentioned that she wanted to do an externship class face-to-face, but with everyone leaving, she couldn't do it. Maybe at a later date, she will look at it again. That might be something the new Program Director will look into!

3. New Business

Program Website

➤ APAR (CAHIM – Annual Program Assessment Report)

Advanced Certificates

Certified Health Data Analyst (CHDA)

3. Discussion/Action

Sheila went over the four (4) program websites for the Health

Information Technology Program. Everyone signed into one of the four websites to see all the information that is provided for the students. This gives the student the basic information and makes them aware of what the program consists of.

Sheila went through the dates and process of how the Department stood for the years 10/1/2013 - 9/30/2014 and 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015.

CAHIM does a yearly self-study which opens in December and is due by March. This year, they changed the open date to March 29th and closed it on June 30th for the two periods mentioned above.

To obtain this information, we send out a survey to graduates as well as an employer's survey. We also include students who are going through their externship. We send out between 30 and 40 surveys and the response from students is very low. We receive back between six (6) and eight (8) replies.

Sheila explained how she arrived at these figures. She has to compete breakdowns in domains consisting of books, teachers, etc.

The percentage of SPC's average pass rate for the 2013-2014 was at 79% with 29 students taking the exam and 23 passing compared to the National average rate of 71%. The percentage of SPC's average pass rate for the 2014-2015 year wasn't good. The National average pass rate was 70%. SPC's rate was at 46% with 13 students taking the exam and six (6) passing.

Sheila completes a report telling why and what are we going to do to correct the low percentage. She said she has had some challenges in her response.

Sheila states there had been two cohorts take the program courses; a total of three (3) students and in the fall we are scheduled to begin another cohort. She asked the group if we should try and do it again.

Perry said that he never had anyone ask for the certificate. He is trying to direct people.

Perry brought up the article in the AHIMA magazine and asked if anyone had read it. He said that coding is being shipped offshore and it is impacting our coding positions. He

stated that Marketing is turning and eventually 100% coding will be done offshore. The only role our coders would play is auditing their work for accuracy.

A lengthy discussion was held with the group about the affects this would play in the future for coding claims here versus offshore.

Sheila stated that we have also considered providing this advanced certificate but it would be entry level and not much opportunity. She asked the group if we should consider it.

Perry responded that there is little request but not to the degree to have it.

Discussion was held about the opportunity, interest in the degree and how effective it would be.

For the Summer term we have 28 sections and 11 of them are already full and for the Fall term, we have 57 sections and about four (4) of these are half full.

This term we had a low interest in face-to-face classes. All of our classes are online except Sheila had a blended class which did turn into a weekly face-to-face class, which was requested by the students. The number of students interested in face-to-face has dramatically decreased. The popularity and convenience of doing online classes has taken a new role.

However, we keep hearing from students after they have taken the coding classes online that they wish they would have taken the class face-to-face. When we do orientation this is brought to the student's attention that others wished they had taken coding face-to-face.

<u>Announcements</u>

Certified in Healthcare Privacy & Security

Summer and Fall Schedules

(CHPS)

4. Discussion/Action

It was brought to the attention of the group that we now have our own tutor for the HIT program. At this time, they mainly tutor for coding. We are proud to announce that the tutor is one of our own graduates!

Sheila thanked everyone for coming and Perry thanked her for all her work. Everyone thanked Sheila for her hard work.

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5. Adjournment	5. Discussion/Action
	Motion to adjourn by Perry Ellis, Seconded by Denise Fonzo. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.
	Respectfully submitted, Marcia Castle, Recorder