# SPC St. Petersburg College



# **Health Information Technology**

# **Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 **Time:** 3:00p.m. – 3:50p.m.

**Location:** SPC EpiCenter

Members Present: Denise Fonzo, Lucelly Miller, Tonia Thompson

St. Petersburg College Staff Present: Marcia Castle, Dawn Janusz, Mrs. Kengia Sabree, Dr. Sheila

Newberry, Interim Dean Katie Woods and Gabriel Yaeger

Members Absent: Bonnie Capra, Andrea Falvey, Vicky Huther, Ronnie Irvin, Denisha Lich, Keeva Russell

#### **Topic/Discussion**

### 1. Old Business

➤ Review and approval of 10/18/2017 Meeting

Mrs. Kengia Sabree called the meeting at 3:00pm on Tuesday, 4/10/2018.

#### 1.Discussion/Action

Everyone reviewed the old minutes. Denise brought up that the day of the meeting was incorrect. In addition, could we include the date of the last meeting in the minutes? The minutes were approved by Denise Fonzo and seconded by Marcia Castle.

Marcia Castle sent to everyone the corrected minutes. The new minutes were approved by Sheila Newberry and seconded by Denise Fonzo.

Mrs. Sabree stated that HIM 2510 was changed back to a 16-week course effective this term, Spring 2018.

- Current Status
  - Current Students

- Current Graduates
- Number Students in PPE III/ Potential Graduates
- RHIT Pass Rates

- Program Changes
  - Exam Prep Workshops

Due to the scores declining on the quality domain (of the RHIT exam), it was suggested that we go back to 16 weeks.Included in the packet are the RHIT Domain Details.

Susan Eber from Apprenticeship Initiative asked Mrs. Sabree to include them in this Advisory Committee packet, during the last meeting. If anyone has any questions, please let her know.

The number of current students in the program is:

- > Informatics Were not reported in this meeting.
- > Coding Were not reported in this meeting.
- AS Degree Were not reported in this meeting.

Success Rates are down from 94.5% from Summer to 89.3% in the Fall. This is due to the population being lower in the Summer than in the Fall.

The number of current graduates for the year is 19.

Current YTD:19 (pending for Spring 2018: 15)

Mrs. Sabree announced that the Credentialing pass rate is 73% with the national rate at 68%. Out of 15 that took the exam in 2017, 11 people passed.

The College just started capturing students for Credentialing exams for both Medical Coding and Healthcare Informatics. As of now, two people have sat for the coding exam and both have passed. One person sat for the CHTS-PW exam and passed.

Lucelly stated that it might be better to test after you have some experience. A discussion was held about taking the test immediately after instruction or after they receive experience. The exam prep workshops relaunched February 2018. Right now, this is only for students at SPC. We are looking at launching them through Workforce in July 2018 to support non-SPC students and non-credentialed HIM professionals.

Dr. Woods stated that setting up through Workforce is expensive.

Mrs. Sabree stated that we do the exam prep quarterly. There is quite an amount of preparation and delivery that the instructors put into it. The exam preps are held Saturday and Sunday by herself and faculty, on the Clearwater Campus. The one instructor offered to do the workshops without pay but the College is paying him for his services.

In addition, we are set up for April 2018 for the RHIT exam for 19 students.

Denise stated she did weekend prep review and that is why she passed. Prep courses are invaluable to the students.

Mrs. Sabree stated that on February 8, we hosted a credentialing prep workshop. She received the first result and the student passed. She is waiting to hear the results of the other students as the RHIT exam has been in beta since January 2 and will take 12-24 weeks to receive the results.

Mrs. Sabree apologized stating she forgot the paperwork to share for the State Framework revisions. The 2019-2020 is still in draft. It is different now and so much is being removed or condensed in the curriculum. The goal of the meeting was to review and attempt to somewhat align with CAHIIM standards.

For 2019, the 2018 standards will be available. Operations tasks is going away. Discussion was held regarding students getting jobs with just their RHIT.

Denise said that the students need to continue their education because they will need to have a RHIA or

- Florida State Framework Updates
- CAHIIM Standards

- Curriculum Changes
  - HIM 2500

Masters. She is concerned where those with just an RHIT going to find jobs. Tonia said that is facility to facility. Where she is now there is a team relationship that includes them in everything. They need to change job descriptions to RHIT and Bachelor's. Mrs. Sabree said that there is a need for more leadership skills. Does anyone have any ideas about what you want to see? Dr. Woods say that we should pull information from HSA. She will send to Kengia. Mrs. Sabree brought up about Leadership Academy that we should include some of our students. She is working on coming up with a curriculum for a leadership apprenticeship. We have a sub plan and certificate at the Apprenticeship Initiative college. Discussion was held regarding leadership ideas. A few suggestions were: Dawn suggested including professional roles within Leadership or using MyCourses. Unfortunately. The audio within MyCourses is a one-way communication. Gabriel suggested using Web conference. They could make videos. Gabriel introduced himself and said that he was replacing Workforce Recommendations Lenore Swaim. He was an employee recruiter and has been at SPC for two years. They are working with AHIMA for a partnership on Apprenticeships. They would provide training at no cost. Mrs. Sabree said if there are any employees interested that Tampa General is the only Coding Apprenticeship in the state. Discussion was continued as to what they are looking for. Denise offered a suggestion about the practicum experience. She said if the 10 week experience could be reduced to 5, it would be easier for the students and for

## Upcoming Events

the employees. The employees work better, fast track and it is a couple days a week. They did a project on Tuesday and Thursday. They got to see the flow, saw it happen and it made sense to them. They can take as much time as they can.

Dr. Woods said she was the Interim Dean over Baccalaureate, HSA, Dental, HIT. She asked the group if they know anyone from HIT and HIM who would like to serve on an Advisory Committee. If so, let Mrs. Sabree know.

Dawn announced to the group about the upcoming Student Success Showcase being held on Thursday, 4/19 from  $5:30 \, \text{pm} - 7:00 \, \text{pm}$  and that everyone is invited to come.

Mrs. Sabree said that we have a student attending who did her project on HIPAA.

In addition, there is going to be an SPC Titan Trot, 5K on Saturday, 4/18. The race starts at 8:00am.

Mrs. Sabree told everyone that there were flyers in everyone's packets regarding both events.

Sheila said that we had a vigorous HIP week. Among the Activities, we had a Lunch and Learn as well as a Learn about HIT activity. They did a survey of 10 questions about HIT and the students, staff, etc. had to complete the survey. Sheila was using the survey in her Statistics class.

Denise mentioned that Angela Piccard had passed away. There is a Scholarship fund at SPC in her name if anyone would like to donate. Mrs. Sabree said she would send out the link to everyone.

### 2.Discussion/Action

Motion to adjourn by Kengia Sabree, Seconded by Marcia Castle. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcia Castle, Recorder

Questions and Concerns

#### 2. Adjournment