

**ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**  
**Respiratory Care Program**  
**ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, September 13, 2013**  
**EpiCenter – 1-318**  
**12:30 PM**

**Present:**

Michelle Maher  
Melissa Brooks  
Rich Williams  
Dawn Janusz  
Dan Craddock  
Steve Hardt  
Phil Nicotera

Mease Countryside/ Dunedin  
Morton Plant Hospital  
All Children's Hospital  
SPC Connections Coordinator  
SPC Director of Clinical Education  
SPC Interim Program Director  
SPC HEC Provost

**I. Introduction and Approval of Minutes**

Michelle Maher served as acting chair as Mark Pellman was out of town. The meeting was called to order at 12:43. Michelle motioned to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting and was seconded by Melissa Brooks. Motion carried. Minutes accepted without correction.

**II. Reports and Discussion**

**PROGRAM UPDATE**

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Steve Hardt has agreed to serve as acting program director following the recent death of Steve Mikles. CoARC has approved this appointment. The program is currently interviewing to fill this position. Steve Hardt has applied for the director's position. Dr Nicotera also mentioned they hope to make a permanent appointment within the next 30 days.

**PROGRAM GOAL & COMPETENCIES ANNUAL REVIEW**

Steve Hardt advised the committee these are reviewed annually at the Spring advisory committee meeting.

## **LAB EQUIPMENT UPDATE**

### **Capital Equipment**

As approved by the committee in the Spring Meeting, the program has purchased a Phillips V60.

The program has needs for additional shelving unit to better organize its growing inventory of disposable and capital equipment. Steve Hardt discussed the possibility of spending up to an additional \$2,500.00 for 2 new additional shelving units and bins. Quotes were distributed. Motion made by Michelle Maher to authorize up to \$2,500.00 for the purchase of shelving units. Approved.

The program's Drager, Puritan Bennett, and Servo Ventilators are in need of routine service. A motion was made to authorize up to \$6,000.00 for the purchase of service/maintenance agreements on each of these vents. Approved.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Freshmen – 24 students entered the program in August. All are currently enrolled. This class is 87% (21 out of 24 students) selective admissions.

Sophomores – 14 of 22 students entered the program in August, 2012 remain in the program. 1 student from the August, 2011 cohort has returned, so there are currently 15 sophomores. Five were lost to academic attrition. Two were lost for personal reasons. No CRT students matriculated in January 2013. This class is 82% (18 out of 22 students were selective admissions)

Applications for the August 2014 class will be accepted from March 15-May 1. There are still a few waiting list students who may start in August.

## **NBRC EXAMINATION RESULTS**

2013 CRT Credentialed Graduates (graduated July 20, 2013)

17 of 18 (94%) of the 2013 graduates have obtained their CRT credential. This compares to 80% national pass rate. The program is currently 119% of average.

## 2013 RRT Credentialed Graduates

17 of 18 (94%) of the 2013 graduates have obtained their RRT credential. This compares to a 66% national pass rate for the Written RRT exam, so the program is currently 132% of average. The national pass rate on the Clinical Simulation Exam (CSE) was 61%, so the program is currently 145% of average

## 2012 CRT Credentialed Graduates

12 of 12 (100%) of the 2012 graduates have obtained their CRT credential. All passed on their 1<sup>st</sup> attempt. All are registered and currently employed in the field.

The class of 2012 has a 100% CRT credentialing rate, RRT credentialing rate, and placement rate

## **CoARC RCS 2012**

Steve Hardt advised the committee these are reviewed at the Spring meeting.

## **MARKET DATA – Co-ARC EMPLOYER & GRADUATE SURVEYS**

Steve Hardt advised the committee these are reviewed at the Spring meeting.

## **PERSONNEL RESOURCE SURVEYS**

Steve Hardt advised the committee these are reviewed at the Spring meeting.

## **BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM – HSA Sub-plan in Respiratory Care**

### **Baccalaureate Program**

Steve Hardt reported that starting in August of 2013 SPC began offering an online baccalaureate degree in Health Services Administration with a concentrate in Respiratory Care. This is a sub plan of the college's existing degree in Health Services Administration.

Since this degree will be for those who already hold the RRT credential, there will be no on campus or clinical requirements.

## **Clinical Status**

### **Sophomores**

Clinical Practice 4 –  
15 students currently enrolled. The sophomores continue critical care and basic care rotations at Bayfront Medical, Tampa General Hospital, and Sarasota Memorial.

### **Specialty Rotations**

Neonatal and pediatric care rotations at Tampa General.

Pulmonary Function rotations at Bay Pines VA, Mease Countryside, and Sarasota Memorial.

### **Freshmen**

Clinical Practice 1  
24 students enrolled. The freshmen begin patient evaluation and basic care at four facilities: Bayfront Medical Center, Morton Plant Hospital, Manatee Memorial, and Largo.

### **Facility Evaluations**

Steve Hardt advised the committee these are reviewed at the Spring meeting.

## **Student Report**

***Freshmen*** – Steve Hardt reported that the Freshman class is currently in the process of selecting an new representative for this committee

***Sophomores*** – Brent Noble was not able to attend due to a prior commitment.

**III. New Business** – Steve Hardt asked the members present for their opinion on the possibility of renting capital equipment such as ventilators in lieu of purchasing it. It was agreed it would be advisable to consider this in the future. Melissa Brooks mentioned she had recently done a price survey of the local equipment rental companies and she determined Freedom Medical was the least expensive.

**IV. Old Business** – None

**V. Adjournment**

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 1:33