



**LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE** 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY STUDIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5:15 p.m. LCC Alan Thompson Library, Room 103

### MINUTES

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ann Mette-Smeenck called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### **II. ATTENDEES**

Debra Casserd-Johnson, A New Safe Haven  
Sybill Iverson, Cowlitz Tribal Treatment Program  
Ann Mette-Smeenck, Child and Adolescent Clinic  
Julia Spalding, Cowlitz Family Health Center  
Melody Lorenzo, Awakenings  
Jeanie Wadiak, Core Health  
Shannon Kerr, LCC  
Nonnie Weaver, LCC

#### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **a) Advisory Committee Overview**

Committee members were provided with Welcome and Advisory Committee Overview document; information was shared by committee chair and faculty regarding the role of advisory committees and their importance to LCC's Professional/Technical Programs; discussion about interest in inviting someone from criminal justice field (law officer or probation officer), drug court coordinator, to share information and improve communication across disciplines.

##### **b) Review minutes**

Committee chair led a review and discussion of the Winter 2017 and Spring 2018 meeting minutes; Julia Spalding moved to approve Winter 2017 minutes, seconded by Melody Lorenzo. Sybill Iverson moved to approve Spring 2018 minutes, seconded by Debra Casserd-Johnson. Committee consensus to approve minutes as written.

##### **c) Enrollment Updates**



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Committee provided with Enrollment Update document comparing Fall Quarter 2017 with Fall Quarter 2018. Enrollment is up 33%; LCC faculty notice the increase, express concerns about increased enrollment but completions are still down; students go to work before they complete 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of program; discussion about students working at area agencies before they've completed ethics training, concerns about increasing complaints to the Department of Health about unethical behavior of Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) and Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee (CDPT). Committee members discussed concerns about students being affected by Ethics Course only being offered once a year; agencies/employers are in desperate need if CDPs/CDPTs; discussion about adjusting curriculum to address need to get students through ethics training earlier in the program so they are ready to begin on-the-job training; LCC faculty expressed concerns about students going to work but not enrolling in Cooperative Education element of coursework; discussion followed regarding potential remedies such as counting hours they are in training at an agency coincides with enrollment in Cooperative Work Experience. Committee recommended development of online Ethics course.

#### **d) Labor Market Update**

Labor market document provided to committee; expected 20% increase in need for CDPs from 2016 to 2026. *Bureau of Labor Statistics source*. Continued discussion regarding shortages and demand by all employer committee members.

#### **e) Program Updates**

Nonnie Weaver shared information about the first online course being rolled out Spring 2019. Briefly shared information about Guided Pathways initiative at LCC and what that will mean for CDP students.

LCC faculty shared information about fast track option for people already holding a bachelor's or master's degree in another field; providing coursework that would prepare them for CDP certification; discussion about what that would look like, which courses – ethics and law, chemical dependencies, report writing and documentation.

### **IV. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- a. Clark College recently received approval for Chemical Dependency Applied Bachelor's Degree. Nonnie suggested inviting Clark faculty to speak at next meeting, share information.
- b. Nonnie and Ann suggested bringing Michelle Waltz in again to give presentation "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" discussion about substance abuse, behavioral health, and mental health fields looking for ways to work across fields.



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- c. NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE): March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:15 p.m. Main Building, Room 148

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40