



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

## **Medical Assisting Advisory Board Minutes**

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6 p.m. Health and Sciences Building, Room 244

### **I. Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Nicole Davis, Chair**

### **II. ATTENDEES**

Nicole Davis, Longview Urology  
Alicia Mowery, LCC student  
Richelle Warneke, Cowlitz Family Health Center  
Elizabeth Engel, LCC  
Victoria Soladey, LCC  
Nettie Millus, LCC adjunct and PeaceHealth employee  
Hahli Rogers, LCC  
Lynel Amundson, LCC

Hahli is the executive director of Corporate Partnerships & Training at LCC. She shared information about new apprenticeships in the health care field through a partnership with Great Rivers Behavioral Health (GRBH). GRBH serves five rural Washington counties and apprenticeships have been established to train employees to become Medical Assistants and Patient Care Coordinators. The program kicks off July 2019 with a goal of having 10 apprentices enrolled in the program over the next two years.

LCC's Medical Assisting Degree has been adopted for the Related Supplemental Instruction element of the Medical Assistant Apprenticeship and the Chemical Dependency and Psychology two year degrees have been adopted for the Patient Care Coordinator Apprenticeship.

LCC has also been awarded a grant from Workforce Southwest Washington to create modality changes for coursework within the LCC degree tracks for this project, moving face to face courses to a hybrid or fully online model.

LCC faculty provided a list of suggested coursework that could most quickly be moved to an online format for this project. Board discussion about requests for moving more coursework online to serve working adults. Also discussed difficulty of successfully completing some courses online rather than having support in instructor-led cohort environment. Online coursework will create opportunity for individuals living in rural areas served by GRBH to complete career track apprenticeships.



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### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Agenda approved as provided
- b) Current cohort status - Vicky Soladey

Current cohort had 23 students admitted Fall 2018, 17 currently in the program – one never started, two have changed education pathway, two lost due to grades, and one lost due to attendance.

- c) Perceptorship discussion – Liz Engel  
Cowlitz Family Health interviews all students at LCC, currently only accepting four. PeaceHealth will interview 12 students with placements for 9. Expect to have students assigned within the next three weeks – 4 or 5 at Cowlitz Family Health, 9 at PeaceHealth, 1 at Silver Falls Dermatology, 1 at Child and Adolescent Clinic. Liz is waiting to hear back from Vancouver Clinic and has requests in to Clatskanie Clinic and Kaiser.
- d) Curriculum update – Liz Engel  
Discussion about Guided Pathways project at LCC and the effect it is having on curriculum. Faculty and administration are looking for ways to improve efficiency, changing classes to encompass more content for the health and wellness “bucket” creating a common group of classes that all students would take across health care related programs of study.
- e) Next cohort – Liz Engel  
Have 11 applications as of March, two more came in April; would typically have more than this. Group discussion regarding reasons for low enrollment – new people in advising positions, lack of knowledge about the Medical Assisting field.
- f) Marketing and recruiting – Vicky Soladey  
Working with Marketing and Public Relations to develop a brochure, video and update the Medical Assisting web page to build more awareness of the program.

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

- a. Next meeting (date/time/place) – Monday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. HSB 244

### **V. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**