

[In these minutes: AHC Code of Professional Conduct, Updates on Interprofessional Education, Dental Insurance Survey]

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

488 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT: Jeff Pinnow, Chair (Medical School-4th Year), Amenah Babar (Public Health), Linnea Jorgensen (Nursing-Rochester), Jerod Klava (Dentistry), Michael Lueneburg (Physical Therapy), Karen Myren (Medical School-Duluth), David Nelson (Medical School-2nd Year), Katie Rangen (Pharmacy-Duluth), Jill Sauber (Mortuary Science), Dana Simonson (Pharmacy-Twin Cities), Sarah Sting (Dental Hygiene), Sara Tomczyk (Nursing-Twin Cities).

REGRETS:

Heidi Gluth (Medical Technology), Maria Huh (Veterinary Medicine), Elizabeth Welle (Occupational Therapy).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

1. DISCUSSION OF THE AHC CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Barbara Brandt asked for feedback from members on the draft AHC Code of Professional Conduct.

Q: Where did the creation of a Code start?

A: Many colleges had issues that were not described in other policies and needed clarification. There is also a national movement for a Professional Code. A focus group was held last year to share expertise and see what already existed.

Members noted that the current document appears too long, but they would prefer one Code instead of separate ones for each college. They stated that they would take the Code to their respective student boards and bring back issues at the next meeting.

2. UPDATES ON INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

CENTER FOR INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Barbara Brandt said that this Center will employ a team approach to patient care and was discussed at a retreat last October between Dr. Cerra and the deans. There are currently 65 events and courses offered each year labeled Interprofessional, but student interaction is still missing and there is no comprehensive implementation across the entire AHC.

She then distributed a leadership statement which discusses principles to be used in developing Interprofessional education. Gwen Hallis has been named Director of the new center and will report to Barbara Brandt. She will be looking at the curriculums across the AHC and looking for ways that content can be offered across disciplines.

Q: Will this center be open in fall?

A: Yes, although curricular changes are harder and will take longer. The first steps will be establishing an Interprofessional education course designator and a web site.

Q: Where is the center housed?

A: On the sixth floor of the Child Rehab Building. CHIP, which now reports to Barbara Brandt, will move under the Center.

Barbara Brandt said that the center will build on efforts already being made and respond to a push from health systems. There will also be an on-line education component. The center has a commitment from the deans and will make

Interprofessional efforts more visible.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Barbara Brandt said that the University is hosting the International Conference on Interprofessional Education October 24-26, 2007, which is a joint effort with Canada. The web site is: <http://www.ipe.umn.edu>. There will be a student component to the conference, so she is looking for students to attend. There will be more information available in the fall.

CLARION CASE COMPETITION

Barbara Brandt said that the Clarion Case Competition involves eight health institutions competing on a national level. The University has nine teams that are competing in the local competition on March 31.

Jill Sauber said that she is a student participating in the competition, but most participants are Pharmacy and Nursing students. Each group receives a case, makes a cause analysis and prevention diagnosis, and presents their findings to a panel of judges made up of health care providers. The winning national team receives a trip and prize money.

3. DISCUSSION OF DENTAL INSURANCE SURVEY

David Nelson presented some information from the dental insurance survey done by a Medical School student:

- 390 students responded out of 681
- students from all four classes were surveyed
- 57% of those who answered belong to the AHC health plan
- One-fifth of students reported that their last dental visit was more than two years ago
- One-third of students reported that their last dental visit was more than one year ago
- 61% reported that their had received no dental cleaning in the last six months
- 60% reported being uninsured as their reason for not visiting
- 77% reported compromised oral health
- 89% said that they would support offering a dental benefit if there was no cost
- 70% of students supported a maximum annual cost of \$100 or less
- One-fifth of students supported a maximum annual cost of \$101-\$200

Q: What is the demographic of people using the Dental School Clinic?

A: Most patients are elderly since appointments take longer, treatment takes longer, and the Clinic accepts patients with no insurance or Minnesota Care. Preventive services can be completed in one visit.

Q: Pre-screening is a detriment. Is it possible to transfer in records?

A: The Clinic still requires new X-rays since many are older and are not of the same quality as those the Clinic offers.

Members noted that the Clinic needs to be better advertised to students since most do not know that it exists. The survey also noted that six of ten Big Ten institutions have some form of opt-in dental insurance; besides Minnesota, Penn State, Ohio, and Indiana do not.

Barbara Brandt said that she would bring this issue to the senior leadership.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A member noted that Pharmacy will be participating in the mental health survey. Barbara Brandt said that some schools will offer it this year, but with more time it will be adapted for all schools next year.

A member said that she is part of the Student Engagement Council. Dr. Cerra is working on a timeline of events for the AHC and is looking for student input. Some suggestions were orientation videos or a timeline of uniforms for each field.

A member then noted a recent article stating that Dean Deborah Powell of the Medical School was recently appointed to the board for Pepsi Co. and how this may be perceived as a conflict of interest. Members stated that they would not expect this new role to detract from the time she has for her duties at the University.

With no other business, David Nelson thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate