

[In these minutes: Dental insurance, immunizations]

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

488 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT:

Amenah Babar (Public Health), Linnea Jorgensen (Nursing-Rochester), Jerod Klava (Dentistry), Karen Myren (Medical School-Duluth), David Nelson (Medical School-2nd Year), Dana Simonson (Pharmacy-Twin Cities) Sarah Sting (Dental Hygiene),

REGRETS: Jeff Pinnow, Chair (Medical School-4th Year), Heidi Gluth (Medical Technology), Maria Huh (Veterinary Medicine), Michael Lueneburg (Physical Therapy), Katie Rangen (Pharmacy-Duluth), Jill Sauber (Mortuary Science), Sara Tomczyk (Nursing-Twin Cities), Elizabeth Welle (Occupational Therapy).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

1. UPDATE ON DENTAL INSURANCE

David Nelson, Vice Chair, convened the meeting and asked Barbara Brandt to provide this update. She said that the conversation in March regarding student access to dental care was enlightening and led to her having a conversation with Dr. Cerra. She is asking that a dental analysis be done to determine the cost to provide dental insurance and what the coverage would be. She knows that there are several avenues available now, Boynton through payment of student service fees and the Dental School clinic, but the goal is to try to develop a stand-alone plan. This will be a topic for next year.

2. UPDATE ON IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Barbara Brandt said that immunizations are a mandatory requirement. She was getting ready to rewrite the letter that is sent to new students and decided to ask the committee for feedback on the letter and this issue. Compliance rates are not at the levels needed for participation with accredited health systems, part of which is due to the yearly Mantoux test for TB. TB clinics have been tried, but is this the most effective approach? The University attests that the students in hospitals are in compliance, so how can rates be improved?

Members made the following comments:

- CHIP was helpful and convenient
- Dental Hygiene students did not know that Mantoux testing was every year; they thought it was every other year
- Each student has a yearly anniversary date, which can be hard to remember; also, students are not aware if they should be re-tested early at a clinic or wait until their anniversary date
- Duluth has an appointed Student Health Advocate Clinic representative which helps coordinate the Mantoux clinic and works with the Health Services office to customize some services to help medical students
- Paperwork sent via email in advance of testing is helpful
- Rochester did not offer a Mantoux clinic, but it is something to consider for next year
- Clinics should be offered at the same time each year to get students on similar schedules and offer retests at anniversary dates
- Clinics could be offered at orientation or incorporated in class scheduling
- Student fees in Duluth do not cover Mantoux testing

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Q: Will CHIP participate with the Interprofessional Education Center?

A: CHIP's Director is reporting to the Center's Director, Gwen Halaas, and CHIP will help support the Center's mission.

It was noted that Pharmacy students have been encouraged to enroll in the Interdisciplinary Medical School course, but it only works in the schedule for third-year students.

Barbara Brandt noted that the Clarion competition is Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 am-3:15 pm at the McNamara Alumni Center and all students are welcome to attend.

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

Becky Hippert
University Senate