

Minutes – Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Centers

November 29, 2018, teleconference meeting

Present: Ruby Cain, Cindy Chenoweth, Katie Cunningham, Anthony Mahon, Cindy Phelps, Rick Roberts, Susan Stiffney, Justin Tobyas

Participating as potential board member: Dorothy Smock from IU Health in Blackford, focused on staffing health facilities, business development

Dr. Mahon opened the meeting with a welcome to those attending.

Updates from board members:

Rick Roberts – undergraduate institutions are focused on students in the application process to different graduate health programs, aiding those students in navigating this process

Susan Stiffney – focused on connecting students in Goshen Community Schools to health-related career information, opportunities

Katie Cunningham – as an exercise specialist, focused on role as wellness coordinator in region

Updates regarding NEI AHEC goals:

Goal A: Pipeline (focus on building health career interest in K-12 students) – in a variety of counties

Programs on track, just now processing evaluations for second quarter. Numbers look good to date; goal is 615 students involved, and this should be reached

Goal B: Students in clinical experiences

Currently partnering with Ivy Tech through equipment loan, evaluating this partnership

Goal set at state/national level is 716 students gaining clinical experiences

To reach this, need to move more effort into the clinical experiences without duplicating what is already being done for internships (for nursing, PT, etc.)

Purpose is to provide students with health experiences to facilitate interest in health careers

Aligns with federal mandate to move away from programming and toward clinical placements

Believe that for this year, target of 716 is too large, may not make this but point for this year is to explore ways to facilitate placement of students in clinical settings

Goal is to step in and help students get clinical exposure prior to formal internships in health programs

The current clerkship students are involved in this – 16 students

Current plans and staffing are to work with partner programs to achieve this goal
Expect to get a larger number involved (not 716); current number is 384 (without most recent experiences counted), but these are not all clinical
Need to make the shift to clinical focus by June 30th.

Goal C: AHEC scholars

In April, had 10 applications from Ball State, Ivy Tech, IU – ended up with a total of 26 (above the group of 15 expected, because of greater interest statewide leading to a request to take more than the 15).

Didactic portion being supplied through an online platform, the first students in the cohort have completed these (others working on them)

For clinical experience, have had 4 students attend drug/alcohol training for screening as well as for training on motivating patients for life change

Statewide – had 143 students start as AHEC scholars, now at 116 with some dropping out because of time constraints, other reasons

Goal D: continuing education for health professionals

Goal is 406 participants

Main focus isn't on this goal at the time; more emphasis on goal B because of change there

Partnering with the School of Nursing at Ball State to present training on autism and school safety; NEI AHEC was involved in recruiting panelists, publicity, and providing some travel funds (training is free); expecting 150 participants

Also hosting a seminar on behavioral training (STAR Behavioral Health Tier 1) to help mental health professionals who work with veterans in helping them with PTSD, etc.

No date yet, but will be hosted at Ball State (with travel incentives for participants)

NEI AHEC Mini-grants

Funding is available; application includes applicant's summary page first, then narrative providing details and budget justifications

Can review proposals before deadline to aid in successful grant writing

Budget is \$14,000; currently working with 1 group

Deadline for submission is December 15th; response by January 15th; projects need to be completed by end of May (school year) or June 17th (summer) to allow financial wrap-up by the end of the fiscal year (June 30th)

Discussion of possibly making some modifications in the future to encourage programs later in the summer, since completing a camp by June 17th is restrictive (not for this year). One possibility discussed would be a second grant cycle that would begin in the late summer.

NEI AHEC Operating guidelines, board composition

Updates to the guidelines primarily reflect shift in program assignment at Ball State

Motion made to accept changes by Rick Roberts
Seconded by Ruby Cain
No discussion
Motion was approved unanimously (5 for, 0 opposed)

Board composition: offices of President and Vice President vacant
No volunteers were identified for these positions. Cindy Chenoweth said she would look over the responsibilities of Vice President and would let us know if she is willing to serve.
One possible change: ballot voting required by operating guidelines; could change to voice vote unless a ballot vote is requested
Possible change: term of 1 year instead of 2 years for officers
Additional efforts will be made to identify individuals for these positions

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved

The next meeting date will be in the first couple of months of 2019 (exact time frame not set)

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Roberts