

Minutes – Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Centers Advisory Board Meeting

March 13, 2019, both in person and teleconference

Attendance:

In person: Valeri Caldwell, Brian Henriksen, Terri Roberts, Rick Roberts

Call in: Gina Bailey, Ruby Cain, Barbara Ihrke, Amanda Leffler, Tony Mahon, Susan Stiffney, Justin Tobyas

Absent: Cindy Chenoweth, Katie Cunningham, Ann Obergfell, Dorothy Smock

Board Member updates:

Terri – St. Francis University - School of Health Sciences summer camp: registrations opening April 1, camp is June 5-6, Attendance capacity increased to 80, incorporating more community partnerships (Manchester, other St. Francis programs), age raised to 8th grade and up.

Rick – Grace College - Working on establishing clerkship positions with Kosciusko Community Hospital system, with housing provided by Grace College. Also considering a high school summer camp possibility for the summer of 2020 (non-residential, likely 4 days, targeting the end of July as athletes would be more available to participate).

Brian – family practice residency program in Ft. Wayne – annual research showcase March 14 attended by high school students to learn more about medical opportunities; students also shadow residents to learn more about health care; one of the residents will be preparing and presenting a lactation and nursing workshop with help with high school students; physical therapy resident also involved in helping mothers with post-partum care for selves, infants. 3 sessions planned, wrapping up before June. Community service for some of their physicians includes talking to students to interest them in family practice.

Barbara – Indiana Wesleyan University – hosting health careers camp last week of June, week long residential camp for nursing, 40-50 participants expected.

Amanda – education consultant to Adams Memorial hospital – working on starting a local LPN program

Gina – IU school of medicine – continuing clinical and basic research programs for students enrolled in medical school, also working on a 6 week immersion program in research for undergraduates. Medical students putting on Med Expo week from Saturday for high school students to introduce them to health careers in June – health fair on the IU campus

Ruby – Ball State University – nothing to report

Susan – passing along info to High Schools to raise awareness about health careers; working on planning summer camp for high schoolers in Goshen for this summer

NEI-AHEC updates:

Justin – working on meeting board members at their locations, brainstorming ideas of how the AHEC can partner with local members to support either with supplies, personnel, mini-grants. The results of the meetings to date (more to be scheduled):

Rick Roberts – camp for 2020, clerkship opportunities with KCH

Susan Stiffney – working on planning the Goshen area summer camp for this June or July

Anne Obergfell – working on partnership with Dental Hygiene training in long term care facilities, are providing support and equipment (Collins Curve toothbrushes). Also focusing on Mission of Mercy support.

Katie Cunningham – supporting programs in Huntington area

Amanda Leffler – seeking to increase number of clerkship students, connected with the Adams Memorial CNO. Also interested in LPN program in the Grant County area,

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

Numbers are steady. We will be collecting 3rd quarter data in the next two weeks

May be hosting MCHS students on BSU campus

Additional summer camp in Grant County (IWU): result of mini-grant

Yorktown High School HOSA

Goal B: Students in clinical experiences? USF Standardized Patient program

Looking to “flip” more experiences into clinical experiences

Mission of Mercy

Dental Hygiene

Stronger partnership with Marian University

IUSM Clerkship rotations are out: 11 students

Goal C: AHEC scholars

Still have 17 students participating, finishing 1st year of program; finish in July for 1st year, then in 2nd year in September will be implementing 40 hour project as capstone

For new group, looking for 15 students but don't have full slate – need to be in last 2 years of program, finishing in 2021. Accepting applications through June 30th, starting in September. Flier will be sent out; board should promote it.

Goal D: continuing education for health professionals

Hosted Star Behavioral health program, 9 respondents involved

43 respondents for autism conference (expect 50)

Working with IRHA, upcoming Spring meeting (or Wednesday)

Still looking for ideas to provide continuing education for health professionals; difficult for rural practitioners to travel; can be offered online

Brian – their program offers hundreds of hours of online training (includes pharmacy) – already being used for Parkview and Lutheran for their physicians. Joan Hand is key person organizing this.

Mini-grants

For spring, awarded 5 mini-grants for a total of \$15,500. Includes new and returning awardees:

- 1 - Blackford HS HOSA going to state meeting
- 2 - Blackford also doing a medical terminology project, and a mini-grant for 2 water bottle filling stations, including education about importance of recycling, healthy water (student driven; encouraging how they are taking the initiative).
- 3 - Also supporting USF summer camp;
- 4 - GROW-nurses (IWU program) – purchasing a hospital bed to allow for better training for the CNA exam for students; also
- 5 - SEARCH students in Northside with Melanie Bush, students go out and do health care training in the community

Tony Mahon comments – thanks expressed to staff of NEI-AHEC, board members including new members. Currently operating without assistant director; looking at office positions with the thought to modifying positions, possibly adding 2 assistant director positions as part of reorganization (will mean hiring of a new person). Appreciate assistance from board members in meeting the goals (A-D) either directly or via connection to other program or person to help out. Still looking to add 3-7 people to the board to assume 2019-2021 term. Seeking to have half board completing terms each year. State spend-down coming in June at end of fiscal year; because of open staffing positions and lag in director/assistant director hiring there are extra funds available, seeking to use these to support initiatives to aid in reaching goals. Will know more soon as to the amount of funds available, criteria of spending allowances.

Board meetings for next year: will send out a Doodle poll for May meeting; at that meeting would like to schedule meetings for the 2019-2020 year at that time.

New member approval: need to vote on new members for 2018-2020 as well as 2019-2021 as well as officially elect officers (president and vice president); will do this via electronic ballot; e-mail sent out for voting over the next 7 days (time limit to encourage timely participation).

No other business was mentioned – meeting adjourned.