KVCC Dental Hygiene Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for 10-16-15

Members Present: Dr. Coverly, Erica Jackson, Melissa Houchin, Marcy Jungblut, Samantha Reidenbach, Kim Grubka, and Cindy Hapman.

Members Present Via phone: Sandra Glista and Rebecca Van Horn

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Kim Grubka.

Introductions of new board members: Dan Bonine, DDS (not present), Melissa Houchin, RDH and Erica Jackson, RDH (both KVCC grads from 2009).

Board results-

The most recent NBDHE results (from 2014) were shared by Kim Grubka. Highlighted was the pass/ fail rate trends and KVCC’s position compared to the national average. Noted were the deficiencies in physical sciences which is expected to improve with different prerequisite requirements. Above average ratings in community and pharmacology were noted as well. Kim shared an overview of National Board Results from 2010 to present. The question was raised about the results from 2013 where one student did not take the National Exam and whether or not to record meeting our goal of 100% pass by the second attempt when no attempt was made. Consensus was reached that the goal was considered met in 2013. Sandra Glista raised a question about review methods and time for practice examinations. Samantha Reidenbach informed the group of the current format of the Board Review course and mock examination and option to take addition practice exams through online sources with the Mosby’s textbook. Kim shared the results of the NERB clinical board from 2015. Kim also explained the new admission criteria and prerequisites and that competitive admission based on GPA will start this spring in April 2016. Kim also mentioned the college’s plan for replacement of full time DH faculty for the following Fall (2016) and that the position is supposed to be posted this winter.

CODA accreditation-

Kim informed the board that Accreditation to be coming up next year. The Board will be kept informed and needed for proof reading the report. A luncheon will be held at the time of the site visit, dates are to be announced.

EFE- Outreach to DDS offices

Marcy Jungblut explained the changes to the EFE program and partnership between KRESA and KVCC including dual enrollment, separate certification in dental radiography, and students earning college credit while still in high school. DHY 113, the radiography course, is an actual dental hygiene course, so if students enter the DHY program after EFE, they will not have to retake it. Other changes were explained including longer days in the program, use of the clinic, an internship course worth one college credit (6 hours a week in a dental office for 8 weeks). Kim and Marcy voiced concern about the need for input on how to get more/ new contacts of dentists in the area for internship opportunities. They would prefer private practice offices, not chain offices for the internships. Discussed was a using a “softer” approach when approaching potential dental offices about taking a young person interested in the dental field under their wing and encouraging love of the profession. Melissa Houchin asked about the role in the office of the EFE student, whether it would be watching/ observing or doing actual work. Dr. Coverly suggested that a face to face approach might be best rather than just sending a letter with the message.
Erica Jackson proposed a follow-up call if no response to a written letter was received. Marcy explained that the worry among dental offices is about HIPAA and having high school students in a practice with real patients and information. Sandy Glista asked about a place for discussion of these types of confidential information for processing of information possibly during radiography. Marcy said that this would be built into the program.

DDS Faculty-

Kim mentioned the need for back-up DDS faculty to help out in the KVCC clinic. Dr. Coverly proposed asking Dr. Wida again. There was discussion about getting the word out to local dentists, looking at new retirees that may be interested in part time work.

What’s new in private practice?

Kim asked for updates about what is new in private practice, specifically about technology such as the Cari-vu by Kavo (transillumination caries identification technology) and the Velscope (as an adjunct for oral cancer screening). No one had any personal experience in using the Cari-Vu. Cindy Hapman suggested Diagnodent as an adjunct for caries detection. Samantha talked about Spectra technology. Rebecca VanHorn suggested looking at EBD data at ADA.com on products before making a decision. Kim voiced concern about buying things and not using them or having them be too fragile/ expensive for the students to use or that they would not transition to using once practicing dental hygiene. Several members of the board have experience using the Velscope for oral cancer screening. Also discussed was the possibility of doing brush biopsies as an adjunct to oral cancer screening.

Other-

Samantha asked about opinions on Cavitron vs. EMS for power scaling. The consensus was that it is a matter of personal opinion and that both are efficacious if up to date and used appropriately.

Members of the Board congratulated Kim on the Directorship.

Melissa Houchin mentioned that Dr. Garafola is looking for an associate.

Next meeting of the Board planned for April 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Samantha Reidenbach