

May 4, 2022

Spring Advisory Committee Meeting

Health Careers Program

Invited:

Elizabeth (Becky) Steele

Jean Hodsdon

Heidi Fischer

Sandra Merkle

Jodi Stack

Eleanor Thomas

Melissa Osborne

Jennifer Scott

Johanna McLeod

Attended: **Jean Hodsdon**, Health Sciences Instructor, **Elizabeth (Becky) Steele**, Health Sciences Instructor, **Eleanor Thomas**, Retired AHEC Health Careers Educator/MedQuest Program Director, **Jennifer Scott**, Executive Director, Southern VT Area Health Education Center (SVTAHEC)

A number of invitees could not attend due to other commitments.

Updated the group on the LNA program:

- We currently have seven students due to complete the program in June.
- The students have been going to Thompson House Nursing Home and Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for clinical rotations.
- We are in the process of adding a third bed and three manikins to the LNA lab to enlarge it for additional students next year. Next year we will be taking students to clinical about 45 minutes earlier in the day to help them get in on more of the morning skills.
- We are working with Prometric to become an LNA testing site. We are awaiting privacy curtains to be hung as soon as they arrive. This is the final step required by Prometric before they can send a site evaluator out for our final approval. We hope this will all be completed before the students need to test mid-June.

The A&P I classroom is moving to the first floor from the second floor next door to the LNA classroom. This will enable the Health Careers program to run smoothly and cohesively as the two instructors work together on the classes.

We are still in the process of developing an LNA program in the evenings for Adult Learners. All is in place except for an instructor which we have not been able to find yet.

We will be adding Introduction to Nutrition to the Fall, 2022 Health Careers offerings. This will help to complete the Health Career pathway.

Eleanor and Jennifer brought to the group numerous suggestions of possible offerings from AHEC:

- AHEC has a new Health Careers Exploration Director, Amanda Richardson, who can come present to our students.
- Med Quest has been reorganized and is now a three day summer program. It will offer Job Shadowing, Career Panels, Health Sciences content and hands-on activities, project-based learning, and Medical student mentors. The hope is to run it in each of the 5 southern counties with a different emphasis at each site, such as oral health or behavioral health. Students could attend all 5.
- Advanced Med Quest is expected to return to UVM/LCOM summer 2023.
- Information about paid internships for college students in health sciences majors was shared.
- HERO is a statewide AHEC afterschool health careers exploration and mentoring program to reach students with family, economic, social, or emotional challenges.
- AHEC is partnering with the Department of Health to develop community health worker network and infrastructure to serve as a bridge between doctors and communities to advance health equity in Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Steele