

WRCC Health Careers Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2022
Room 173
3:45 p.m.

I.Introductions

Present:

Becky Steele (WRCC), Jeannie Hodsden, facilitator (WRCC), Jennifer Scott (Executive Director Southern VT AHEC), Bethany Crowley (professor VTC, Staff BMH), Heidi Fischer(Staff BMH, WRCC Clinical Instructor)

II. 2022-2023 WRCC Health Careers program updates were presented by Becky and Jeannie.

Nutrition is a new class this year at WRCC being taught by Becky. The Human Growth and Development/Nutrition course is co taught. Becky teaches the Nutrition and Jeannie the HGD teacher.

WRCC LNA Evening Program and Refresher Classes

Katie Brunk is teaching, and is a clinical instructor for a 10 week LNA course taught in the evening (3:30-8:30). One class of 5 students has finished the course Courses for January and April are being scheduled. Consideration is being given to providing a summer intensive 3 week LNA program.

Katie also provided 2 refresher classes for students who have previously taken an LNA course, but had not taken the licensing exam.

WRCC daytime LNA program 2022-2023

3 New manikins, 1 new hospital bed have been purchased with grant funding.

Currently there are 15 high school students in the LNA day program (up from 7 students in 2021-2022). There are 8 BUHS students, 5 BFUHS students and 1 Twin Valley student.

BMH is again a site for clinical. Heidi Fischer is the clinical instructor. Thompson House is again a clinical site with Jeannie Hodsden as the clinical instructor . Because the clinical sites can only accommodate 5 students, arrangements have been made with Elder Path Living (Bradley House) and

The Gathering Place for students to have shadow opportunities.

The daytime LNA Program now being taught in conjunction with Medical Terminology as a 2 semester course.

III. 2022-2023 Dual Enrollment offerings in the Health Careers program are:

Human Growth and Development (VTC)

Nutrition (VTC)

Medical Terminology (CCV)

Anatomy and Physiology I (VTC)

IV. Becky reported that Vermont is in the second year of a 2 year contract with the company Prometric to provide licensure testing for LNA. She reports that it has proven difficult to schedule and sign up students for testing with Prometric, and throughout Vermont there is a higher number of failures than would be expected. (Established programs throughout the state are having a higher percentage failure rate with Prometric than with the previous testing contractor, Red Cross). Becky began the process of looking into an alternate testing company, but reports that because there are 2 new prometric test evaluators in Southern Vermont she is hopeful that scheduling will be smoother in the future.

V. Updates from board members:

Jennifer Scott reports that AHED has 3 program pipelines.

MedQuest was heldover the summer in person piloting a new format. There were 40 students in a 3 day program, held at Rutland Regional. It was not and overnight experience. Jennifer reports that it went well and the plans for next summer are for sites in Rutland and Springfield.

Advanced MedQuest is to be offered as a summer week long program at Rutland and Castleton. Due to transportation issues it is geared to be more centralized.

The HERO program is a base level exploratory program that is being piloted at Rutland High School this schoolyear. It is geared towards students who are more likely to stay in Vermont after graduation and those who may be marginalized, underserved and may not have awareness of opportunities in medical occupations. Health professionals from Rutland Regional Medical Center

are mentors for the students. The goal is to engage the students with an idea for career pathways.

Jennifer reports that we can look into the possibility of having AHEC conduct hands on health career exploratory sessions. This has been done by AHEC in Rutland and would likely be 4 sessions (one per month). Jeannie will email Jennifer who will connect with Amanda Richardson.

Bethany reports that VTC is working on enrollment. Enrollment is low this year potentially due to child care issues and competition from other schools.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannie Hodsdon