Meeting Minutes

**Dental Advisory Board**

**March 22, 2022, 6:00 pm**

**In person MacRury Hall, Room 217 and via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** Meeting of the Dental Advisory Board called to order by Chairman, Bruce Cronhardt at 6:05 pm.

**Roll Call:** A roll call was taken for the purpose of establishing attendance for voting and meeting minutes.

**Present:** Andrew Albee, Bruce Cronhardt, Haley Demers, Shannon Farrell (Z), John Girald (Z), Elaine MacDonald, Jaime Murphy, Kelly O’Brien, Mark Rubinstein, Kristen Saczawa, Lisa Scott **Regrets:** Laural Dillon, Andrew Fisher, Casey Hannon

**Review/Approval of Minutes**: Jaime Murphy made a motion to approve minutes of September 21, 2021 as written. Lisa Scott seconded the motion. All voting members in favor. Motion passed to approve minutes as written.

**Dental Assisting Program Report**: Kelly O'Brien provided updates on the class of 2022. Students completing second externships, all passed R H & S exam on first attempt. Interviewing applicants for fall. CODA has approved the addition of a part-time DA program to increase the number of students entering the assisting program. Promoting eStart class with high schools to build interest in dental assisting.

**Dental Hygiene Program Report:** Lisa Scott provided updates on the class of 2022, and class of 2023. Interviews for incoming class of 2024 are complete. We are accepting a larger incoming class, as we are able to open more chairs in the clinic now that more barriers and air purifiers are in place.

**EFDA Update**: Lisa Scott read an update from Cathy Taylor. Current EFDA class has 10 students completing their hands-on clinical in the NHTI DH clinic. They will then complete an additional six weeks of hands-on training in their officesIthas2getbetter!I with a sponsoring dentist. May accept another EFDA class of 10 students this year.

**Employer Survey:** Employer Survey given to Dr. Crohnardt to request distribution by the NHDS. Once results are received, it was requested that results be shared with the NHDS, NHDHA, and the NHDAA.

**NHTI Staffing & Facilities:** With limitedfull-time faculty, we are using more adjuncts. Qualifications for adjunct positions discussed. With NEDD funding, ordered two new clinic chairs, and purchased a new suction system for the clinic. DA will have some Perkins funding in the summer.

**Scholarships**: Scholarship winners announced. Shared announcement of new Non-Traditional Dental Scholarship open to first-semester dental hygiene students and dental assisting students.

**Medicaid Patients**: Working on logistics, software, administrative staffing for appointments and billing, etc. Initially plan to run Medicaid clinic one day a week to increase access to care for underserved patients and provide a service to the community. Slated to begin in the fall with emergency triage, prescriptions, x-rays, SDF, and referrals.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Bruce Cronhardt made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Andrew Albee and Jaime Murphy, and was followed by a unanimous vote to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

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