



Northland Community & Technical College

White Earth Reservation Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting

December 9, 2009

Attendees: Nyleta Belgarde (WETCC), Jeannie McDougall (retention specialist), Petey Olson (former student), Norma Konschak (Dean TRF), Rachael Tuenge (Mahnomen Health Care Center), Linsi Darco (student), Pat Butler (DON of Home Health Care), Wannetta Bennett (President WETCC), Dorinda Sorvig (Director for PN program), Sue Field (Director of AD Nursing), Kent Hanson (Vice President NCTC), Dean Johnson (Economic Development Mahnomen)

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
1. History of program on the reservation	Sue Field	<p>Where we have been...</p> <p>Summer 2006 and 2007: 68 Certified Nursing Assistants</p> <p>Summer 2008 and 2009: 57 Certified Nursing Assistants (some with mentorships)</p> <p>May 2008: 18 Registered Nursing Graduates</p> <p>May 2009: 19 Practical Nursing Graduates</p> <p>To graduate May of 2010: 18 RN students</p> <p>To graduate May of 2011: Practical Nursing students ???</p>
2. Where we are today	Sue Field	<p>Only 15 students in PN program started this year. Limited interest in the program. Many are not passing at this point. It seems like we have saturated the interest of students in the area.</p> <p>Need to step back, complete the PN cohort here (done in May of 2011), possible come back in the future if there are enough students and need in the future.</p> <p>Pat Butler from HH stated that she has more applications for open positions lately then</p>

		<p>she has ever had. Can't hire them all. Only has 1-2 LPN's at this time, most are RN's since many of her LPN's completed their RN last year.</p> <p>Rachael from Mahnomen Health Care Center: staff stable for 1 year. Minimum applications for openings typically. Influx of RN applications. Hospital has more apps than Nursing Home.</p> <p>With the economy, many nurses are staying employed. Others are applying here because of cutbacks in the Twin Cities and other areas.</p>
3. Other Programming on the reservation	Advisory Committee	<p>Dean Johnson: discussion whether NCTC would be interested in bringing other programs to reservation such as auto body? NCTC is interested in partnerships. Discussions of offering 2 years auto/body then 2 years of nursing?</p> <p>The economic development plan for the reservation includes education. Students need education to succeed in business.</p> <p>NCTC and WETCC would like to work together to determine further programs that could be brought to the reservation in a collaborative work arrangement.</p>
4. Building	Wannetta	<p>WETCC is looking into purchasing the Nursing Education Building. They will know if they have funding by February.</p> <p>The PN students will need a classroom for the fall 2010 and spring 2011 sessions. Wannetta shared that there will be a classroom available for students in their new building if needed.</p>
5. Nursing Assistant program	Sue and Wannetta	<p>Wannetta from WETCC discussed that they might consider the nursing assistant as a part of a core allied health program series.</p>
6. For future	NCTC	<p>We would need a cohort of 30 students to start another nursing group. If WETCC can get 30 students ready for PN program, NCTC would consider returning with nursing program.</p>
7. Advisory meetings		<p>Plan for fall of 2010</p>