



Northland Community & Technical College - EGF OTA Advisory Committee Minutes

4/26/11

11:00-12:30

East Grand Forks Room 360

Membership: Judy Godfread, Tracy Cameron, LaVonne Fox, Kent Hanson, Tammy Olson, Joni Armstrong, Cassie Hilts, Julie Grabanski, Tina Chaput, Janet Jedlicka, Jinelle Wavra, Bonnie Setness, Jodi DiMaggio

Members Present:

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to order	Judy Godfread	
2. Review of Minutes	Judy Godfread	Motion to approve minutes by Janet, seconded by Tina.
3. Update on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enrollment b. NBCOT exam c. Graduates 	Cassie Hilts	Enrollment: 19 students right now; Had 30 applicants, accepted 24, but have 19 enrolled. This spring one student will be going to UND for PT program. One student has not contacted us in 3 weeks; and one student withdrew from 2 classes and will be petitioning to come back next year. Second year students: one student withdrew for personal reasons; Will be graduating 16 of 20 students. NBCOT exam: 90% pass rate with 28/31 passed NBCOT exam. Current pass rate is 70% for standards. New standards in 2013 will go up to 85% pass rate passing within one year of graduation from the program. Higher accountability for graduates to obtain a job within the first year. Graduate Employment Rate: 2009 75% employment rate; one cared for terminally ill mother, and one had a baby and stayed home. More students are wanting to stay in the area.
4. Program issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fieldwork b. Program Advancement criteria c. Attendance policy d. admittance criteria to program 	Julie Grabanski	Fieldwork: It has been difficult to find mental health care placements for Level I and Level II fieldwork. Many of the mental health fieldwork placements have been either in the school system, particularly in the Minnesota schools, or in long term care environments as activity director or working in memory care units. Apparently there is no such thing as a traditional mental health setting any longer. We do have some placements in the Twin Cities area, but many students are not able to complete Level II placements there due to family commitments, housing and the competition with Twin Cities schools to get a reservation in the first place. The North Dakota facilities including the Developmental Center, SEHSC, NEHSC, North Central Human Service Center, and the North Dakota State Hospital are not an option as the state of

		<p>Minnesota and the State of North Dakota will not come to an agreement on the contract language. Some contract issues have been the increase of liability insurance rates to 2 million. Healthcare facilities are lowering their liability insurance to 1 million per episode or 1.5 million versus 2 million as they may lead to more problems with suing. Sanford health is one example of a facility lowering their liability insurance. Suggestions for Level I fieldwork: Glenmore Recovery center, Northwest Apartments, long term care activity director/OT. Level I fieldwork needs to fit with the curriculum design, and look at Level I as 4 hour segments in close locations over a 16 week period. In some of the community placements it has been difficult to meet the 8 hours of supervision needed for Level II placements. One other challenge for fieldwork is that there is a new policy in administration that a contract with a new facility needs to be in place one full semester before the student is allowed to go to that placement. Background checks: Moving toward a National background check. Some Minnesota facilities are having students re-do their Minnesota background checks if they are there for a Level II placement. UND does a background check upon acceptance in the program and mid-way in the program. Otherwise background checks are done per facility request. State authorization rule: Distance education would include clinical sites providing fieldwork education in other states; have to get states approval. The new standard of 3 FTE by 2013 was discussed. The standard is that there would be a 3rd faculty member for teaching of the OTA program for quality of the program. Criteria for advancing in the program discussion: 75% pass rate of exams; Admission criteria: Discussion about raising the standards to a 2.5 overall GPA... rather than on the later side of the program to avoid issues of suing, i.e. pass rate on tests in OTA courses. Current trends: Two programs have been put on notice that they have to come up with a plan to improve pass rates on the national exam at the college. Retention rate of students that begin the program: Current trend may be toward justifying retention rates. Attendance policy: Currently if someone is going to present, take a test etc; if they don't call in they would get a zero... However, if they are there to complete these items, they are still able to pass the class or if they provide prior notification they are able to make up the presentation, test etc up to 10 days. Enrollment for next year: Have applicants from this year that have applied for entrance next spring. Currently have 12 applicants for 24 slots.</p>
5. Discussion on the direction of the profession	Judy Godfread	
6. Other	Judy Godfread	<p>Other news: Joni Armstrong has resigned from the OTA Advisory board. Ended our OTA club. Impossible to be an advisor and continue to teach with the amount of paperwork needed for each event</p>
7. Adjourn	Judy Godfread	Tracy motioned to adjourn meeting, Tina seconded.

