



Northland Community & Technical College - EGF OTA Advisory Committee Minutes

11/08/11

6:00-8:00

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

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Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to order	Judy Godfread	Judy called the meeting to order
2. Review of Minutes	Judy Godfread	LaVonne made a motion to accept the minutes, Janet seconded, minutes were accepted.
3. Update on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enrollment b. NBCOT exam c. Graduates 	Cassie Hilts	<p>Enrollment: 15 students in the second year, started with 19. Graduated 16 out of 20 in 2011. Retention is improving. Had 30 applicants for a January 2012 start. 24 were accepted. Three have declined. Three students were taken off the waiting list and accepted into the program. That leaves 3 on the waiting list right now. We have 4 applicants for January 2013 start.</p> <p>NBCOT exam: At this time we have 5 students who passed on first attempt and 2 students who passed on a retake. In Jan-June of 2011 we had students who took the test, with a 50% pass rate. We won't know until Jan what our 2011 pass rate is. Janet asked about cohort pass rates and then informed Cassie that this could be sorted out through NBCOT.</p>
4. Fieldwork issues	Julie Grabanski	<p>Fieldwork report for OTA Advisory meeting November 8, 2011</p> <p>There have been three students who have completed both Level II fieldwork placements and have graduated. An additional student will graduate on November 11, 2011. The majority of students are completing their Level II fieldwork during the fall semester. Many of the mental health placements have been either in a school system or in a long term care setting where the OTA student works with the OT and the activity director in a memory care unit. Satisfaction with Level II fieldwork placements has been 100% so far this year.</p> <p>This year we sent two students together to an independent living skills center in Mayville, ND. We used the collaborative model of fieldwork where the students worked together to plan, implement and provide feedback to one another throughout the process. The OTR provided</p>

		<p>feedback to each student individually, but also as a group. The students did not know each other very well, but formed a great working relationship and quickly became team-mates. This model works best with students that are mature and have pretty equal skill sets. We are planning on writing an article about this experience for OT practice.</p> <p>Finding placements for both Level I and Level II placements has still been difficult, especially trying to find placements in the area, or even alternative placements should there be a cancellation of a reserved fieldwork placement due to illness, therapists resigning, or a merger of a new company taking over. Ideas for alternative placements or supervision have been to talk to administration to “hire” Cassie to provide supervision to placements such as Pathfinder and Northern Lights in TRF, talk to area hospitals and homes that may have the capacity where OT and activities could collaborate to provide mental health placements in LTC settings such as Riverview Health and possibly Glenmore Recovery Center. Such a placement has emerged through the collaborative efforts of HDR OT’s and Lutheran Sunset Home in Grafton, ND. Another possible placement is Dakota Alpha in Mandan who provide transitional services for TBI clients, however the contract was initiated in April and not yet signed. Some more school systems have signed on now in Grand Rapids and Pembina counties. Altru Outreach continues to be a blessing for possible placements for students, however we can be overwhelming at times with changes, therapists on maternity leave, contracts changing etc, so in the future will limit to two students rather than five as they had this year.</p> <p>Contracts continue to be an issue. For example the umbrella contract with the Minnesota CBHH is a completely different contract than MNSCU contracts so the process takes a long time. The umbrella contract expires in April of 2012, but it will probably take that long to work it out as the individuals who assisted in establishing the contract in 2007 are no longer here as well as those at the main office the state mental health facilities. Some of the larger health care systems do not like the MNSCU language in the contract particularly the liability insurance numbers. Bemidji , MN and Northwood ND have been taken over by Sanford Health and it appears that a contract with Sanford still needs to be worked out. The current contract with Sanford is through MeritCare in Fargo and Northwest Medical Center in TRF as those contracts haven’t expired yet. Apparently they honor the already established contracts. We are also working on one with Allina Health systems in the Twin Cities and HealthSouth.</p>
5. Discussion on the direction of the profession	Judy Godfread	<p>Janet stated that the new standards have inter-professional components, increase in swallowing and increase in cognition. The Fieldwork standards have been moved from the end of the B section to the C section. The December meeting of ACOTE will review the standards and then decide to accept them. If accepted they go into effect July 1, 2013.</p> <p>Students working with Medicare A patients in LTC don’t need line of site supervision. It is up to</p>

		<p>the supervising OT to decide what type of supervision is needed.</p> <p>Therapy cap comes up again next year. If the Super Committee doesn't come to an agreement, there will be big cuts across the board and MediCare will take a big hit.</p> <p>Infection control is getting a bigger focus with MediCare, if someone gets an infection while in the hospital, Medicare will not provide coverage for the care of that individual. Also under MediCare Guidelines, if someone is hospitalized, with for example COPD, and then they come back within a few days, MediCare won't pay.</p>
6. ACOTE issue – strategic plan	Cassie Hilts	<p>Cassie shared the results of the annual report with the committee. The strategic plan does not demonstrate that the plan is based on program evaluation and an analysis of external and internal environments. The plan does not reflect all data from program evaluation results, including faculty performance, pre/post tests, and fieldwork evaluations. Cassie submitted a plan of correction stating that we would be working with a consultant to revamp the plan.</p> <p>Administration at NCTC are looking within the system to see if someone would be qualified to assist with this task. Jodi mentioned a name of an individual from UND that might be available to consult on the plan. The committee volunteered to review the plan and provide feedback.</p> <p>Cassie will e-mail or post on google docs the plan to committee members.</p>
7. Adjourn	Judy Godfread	<p>Tracy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Janet seconded it. Meeting adjourned.</p>