



## Northland Community & Technical College - EGF OTA Advisory Committee Agenda

03/20/12

6:00-8:00

East Grand Forks    Room 360

Membership: Judy Godfread, Tracy Cameron, LaVonne Fox, Brian Huschle, Tammy Olson, 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	Tina Chaput
3. Update on a. Enrollment b. NBCOT exam	Cassie Hilts	Enrollment/ Retention rate: 2 <sup>nd</sup> year students started with 19, 15 are still in the program. Had 30 students for January 2012; 20 students in the program for first year students. NBCOT exam: Pass rate; 2011: 5/11 people passed the test for 2011; Going back to 24 students pass rate would be 60%. New standards may reflect changes in second time test takers.
4. Admission criteria for the OTA Program		In the past admission criteria such as writing a paper, and requiring volunteer hours was in violation of the office of civil rights. We are an open enrollment college, so we are an open enrollment program. Now that there are issues with NBCOT pass rate, we would like to propose different admission criteria including an increase in GPA. Currently our GPA is 2.0, the committee unanimously agreed to raising the GPA to a minimum of a 2.5; Students with healthcare backgrounds tended to do better; Discussion of whether the volunteer hours should be added to admission criteria. Committee suggested that volunteer hours would be beneficial (total of 30 hours) to assist with identifying commitment and professionalism needed for the occupational therapy profession. We also are planning on having students complete the HOBET and pass with a 50% for admission into the program. A resource list and requirements for volunteer work will be set up such as background checks, immunizations, etc. The committee

5. Fieldwork issues	Julie Grabanski	The umbrella contract between MN state operated health systems and MNSCU has now been signed. This opens up several facilities in MN for mental health fieldwork sites, provided that therapists will accept students. A work order and student waiver has to be signed for each student going there. The innovative mental health fieldwork placements in school settings and nursing facilities has created a shortage of physical health fieldwork placements in the area at times. The Sanford health contract is to be in place by 2014, when the grandfathered contracts with MeritCare and Northwest Medical center expire. Northwood is currently being managed by Sanford Health, but has not been acquired by mental health. Altru Outreach is still at Oakwood care center providing outpatient and long term care OT services. Altru also has the contract for TRF schools and is providing therapy services. Big Stone therapies are located in the new nursing home in TRF, MN. They are working on building up therapy services but having difficulty hiring full time OTR's.
6. Strategic Plan	Cassie Hilts	The college was unable to find someone on staff who could provide consultation on the strategic plan. We will be using feedback from the advisory committee as well as feedback from a director of another OTA program. Reviewed the strategic plan. Judy questioned whether we wanted to address the outdated equipment in the goals or action plan area. Will meet individually with members of the advisory committee who are absent tonight to get feedback on the strategic plan.
7. Discussion on the direction of the profession	Judy Godfread	What are we doing well? Students know the role of OTA's and OT's. Collaboration with other programs on campus and other health care professionals. Faculty working in the field. What projects are you working on? Amy Askelson for w/c positioning and equipment to go to Altru; Electronic records for clinical reasoning and documentation in school; adding collaboration of OTA with UND for making switches at UND.
8. Other	Judy Godfread	Try to get nursing students involved in projects as they will be a tremendous referral source in future
9. Adjourn	Judy Godfread	Cassie moved to adjourn meeting; Judy seconded