



PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2014
7:00 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry (PTA Program Director), Shelley Koerber (PTA ACCE), Dawn Eickman (PTA faculty), David Relling (UND-PT faculty member), Karen Cole (PT member), Dawn Miller (PTA member), Kevin O'Brien (PT member), Craig Hahn (PT member), Kaila Kowalski (PTA Program alumni member), Ben Holter (2nd year PTA student representative), Amy Jenson (1st year PTA student representative)

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM
2. Approval of minutes	Minutes from the 10-29-13 meeting were reviewed and approved
3. Report from Program Director	<p>1. Justin reviewed program demographics and outcomes. Scores for NPTE exam are high; retention has significantly improved with the program expecting retention to be high going into this fall as well.</p> <p>2. Faculty activities: Justin co-presented a presentation at CSM on increasing NPTE pass rates for PTA Programs; 2 NCTC PTA students presented a research poster at CSM; Shelley co-taught a CI credentialing course this past weekend; Dawn will be going through FSBPT item writer training this weekend and will serve a term as an item writer; a research article on PTA Program Director burnout co-authored by Justin and former advisory committee member Clint Hosford will be published in the next Journal of Allied Health issue on Burnout of PTA Program; Justin won the F.A. Davis Award for Outstanding PTA Educator from the APTA BOD for 2014.</p>

4. Clinical Education Update	<p>1. We continue to pursue additional contracts in geographic regions where needed.</p> <p>2. Total sites: 118; total contracts 56; total positions 371 per year.</p>
5. CAPTE re-accreditation update	<p>1. Accreditation timeline: The CAPTE spring meeting will be the end of April. The program had a very positive on-site visit, with only a few minor issues which had to be addressed in the Response to the On-Site Visit Report</p>
6. National/Regional PTA issues	<p>1. Proposed changes in CAPTE evaluative criteria includes programs having a minimum of 3 Faculty FTE. Justin feels this is bad for small rural programs, especially those in unionized institutions. This could cause the program to be forced to increase our cohort size, possibly beyond what the local job market and availability of clinical sites would allow.</p> <p>2. There continues to be a significant increase in the number of PTA Programs, concerns that some areas of the country will quickly become saturated.</p> <p>3. Justin presented information on the APTA task-force on the possible transition of PTA Programs to a bachelor's degree model.</p>
7. Committee Nominations	<p>Jessica Strand from Altru was nominated last fall and has accepted a position on the committee, but will be unable to attend until the Fall. Having someone from Achieve or Crookston Riverview was also recommended.</p>
8. Adjournment	<p>7:40 PM</p>

Next Meeting: Fall 2014