



PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2019

5:00 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry, Shelley Koerber, Cherron Halvorson, Gary Schindler, Dani Rowekamp, Jamie Bowman, Alicia Backer, Dawn Eickman, Ben Holter, Tony Kuchan, Tyler Haugen, Haley Ostgaard, Andrea Moses

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM
2. Review of prior meeting minutes	Minutes from the spring 2019 Advisory Committee were reviewed
3. Introductions	Members introduced themselves; welcome to new members Dawn, Ben, Tony, and Haley.
4. Report from Program Director & Program Demographics/Outcomes	<p>1. Demographics and outcomes of the program were reviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment rate is still high, concerns among PTA Educators nationally that many graduates cannot find full time employment; we are finding that in a couple of locations for program graduates • 100% NPTE pass rate each of the last two years; FSBPT reports shows NPTE program scores to be right above the national average • Program applications are down; still a perception that the program has a wait list, and due to 2 new programs in MSP, the program is not hearing as much from prospective students in the metro area or in western Wisconsin • Program faculty will be working on increasing recruitment efforts due to decreased qualified applicants over the past two years (Dani Rowekamp mentioned there may be a possibility of program faculty presenting information at a meeting for ND high school health profession instructors) <p>2. Minn West Community and Technical College would like to start a PTA Program in SW Minnesota, which Northland opposes due to the projected employment opportunities within the state and potential difficulty with clinical placements</p>

	<p>3. Justin co-chaired a national task force on the state of PTA Education over the past year, with the task force recently submitting their report to the APTA APTE Board of Directors. A summary of the results was discussed. The report will be presented at a session by Justin and the other task force members at CSM 2020. The current number of PTA program (371 accredited and 36 developing) was also discussed.</p> <p>4. ND Practice Act Changes. As of August 2019, PTAs in ND now have general supervision in all clinical settings. Rules and regulations clarifying this change, as well as rules allowing PTAs to perform peripheral joint mobilizations were approved earlier this month by the NDBPT, but they still need to be officially approved at the state level prior to them being valid.</p> <p>5. APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be the 7th year in a row that Northland PTA students will be presenting original research. The research study was a survey on job satisfaction of PTs and PTAs; one result as that participants with a productivity requirement had significantly less job satisfaction in all job satisfaction areas, except for satisfaction with co-workers. • Justin and Shelley will both attending CSM. • Justin will also be presenting a research study on DPT student loan debt <p>6. Accreditation. The program is right in the middle of our current 10 year accreditation timeframe, as we last received accreditation in Spring of 2014. Faculty are working on reviewing any required curricular changes and are looking at student assessment measures this year to see if any changes need to be made</p>
<p>5. Report from Program DCE</p>	<p>1. Clinical Education is going well; there have not been any issues with not having enough clinical sites in the required settings.</p> <p>2. There are currently 71 clinical contracts at a total of 209 sites. For potential clinical placements each year, there are 293 outpatient placements and 185 inpatient placements available.</p> <p>3. In December, Shelley and Cindy Flom-Meland (UND) will be holding a clinical instructor education night, which will be on clinical education updates, changes to the ND practice act, and a look at other clinical education assessment instruments besides the CPI.</p>

	4. Shelley will be taking the APTA's CI Credentialing Level II course in November
6. Review of new exam remediation policy	The new remediation policy and student form was reviewed. So far it has been going very well. Research articles from other allied health fields have shown similar policies have increased subsequent exam scores for affected students.
7. Program Mission and Goals	Due to a change in the college mission statement, program faculty reviewed the current program mission and goals to ensure they are congruent with that of the college. The proposed revised mission, philosophy, goals, and related outcomes measures were reviewed. The new mission includes language on a contemporary and comprehensive curriculum, and makes it clear that program graduates will work under the direction and supervision of a PT. No changes were recommended to the proposed changes, and approval by consensus occurred by the committee.
8. Membership representation and Constitution review	The program constitution and membership representation was reviewed. Recommended was for a representative for a member from a facility which provides pediatric care to be added to the representation list.
9. Short and Long Term Planning Form	The program's short term (1 year) and long term (3-5 years) were provided to the committee.
9. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM

Next Meeting: March 2020