



PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

6:30 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry, Shelley Koerber, Dawn Eickman, Amber Richards, Jeff Bell, Steve Halcrow, Paige Moore, Lyndsay Grand, Katie Hatt, Sydney Lembke

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	6:34 PM
2. Review of prior meeting minutes	Reviewed, No Changes recommended.
3. Report from Program Director, program outcomes, and demographics	<p>1. Current state of the college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Changes since the fall meeting: Jodi Stassen, the interim Provost. resigned, and now has a management position at Altru. Currently there is an interim Provost with a search taking place right now for a replacement.• At the fall meeting, Stephanie LeDuc was the interim Dean for the Division the program is in, and she now has a permanent dean position.• 3 health programs have been suspended for next year (diet tech, pharm tech paramedicine). They may have a chance to revise their format and start up again after a year. <p>2. Dawn Eickman: returning to Northland this fall as a faculty member, teaching PTA, A&P and health classes. We are working with administration to get Dawn some release credits to perform a needs assessment for a pro bono clinic as part of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lyndsay mentioned the pro bono clinic and collaboration between Lake Superior College PTA and St. Scholastica DPT. Dawn will travel to Duluth to visit this clinic and will talk to UND-PT about potential collaboration.

	<p>3. For the 11th year in a row, NCTC PTA students had a research poster accepted for APTA CSM. Unfortunately due to weather, the students got stuck in Salt Lake City, but the poster was still presented virtually.</p> <p>4. There are currently 15 2nd year students and 14 first year students.</p> <p>5. There are 7 students admitted at this time for the fall, compared to 5 admitted at this time a year ago.</p> <p>6. NPTE pass rate: 100% for the past 5 years. Employment rate for last year is 100%. Discussed PEAT scores with committee. Graduation rate is low, but with 3 students graduating this spring who took an extra year, the graduation rate for that initial cohort will be above the program's threshold.</p> <p>7. Some upcoming May graduates already have jobs. The job market seems very strong. Those who have obtained jobs will be starting at \$24-27 an hour.</p> <p>8. Upcoming changes to the NPTE include videos and case studies. Faculty will start looking at adding similar questions to exams in the future.</p> <p>9. Both faculty will be attending the MN APTA Spring Conference, where one of the 2nd year students will be receiving an award.</p> <p>10. Faculty activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin: current President of NDBPT, co-author on 5 posters at CSM, one of which was one 2nd year students were going to present, but they could not attend, another poster won an award. SLC; continue to be a CAPTE on- site reviewer for PTA. Member of APTA MN research committee; current Nominating Committee Chair for the PTA Educator Special Interest Group, was just appointed to ACAPT task force for PTA Education Engagement • Shelley: co-chair of the Northern Plains clinical education consortium, on the GFPS health advisory board. This past fall attended ELC and co-taught a CI Credentialing course. DEI APTA Minnesota. <p>11. Discussed minor curricular revisions taking place for ensuring course objectives are in alignment with CAPTE standards and elements as well as congruent with methods of assessment. Some additional content on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion will be added to PTA Ethics and Issues starting this fall.</p>
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4. Call for volunteers for Friday, May 5 th mock job interviews	1. Asked advisory committee members if anyone would be available for the mock interview day in May. Steve and Lyndsay have volunteered, and Lyndsay will be able to come and will bring 2 colleagues from Sanford.
5. CAPTE timeline update	1. CAPTE update: Self Study report due early April 2024, On-site visit is in early June. There will be a time during the onsite where they will want to talk with the advisory committee. More about that when it gets closer.
7. Report from Program DCE; update on CPI changes	<p>1. CPI 3.0 goes live in April/May. Program may use the old version through September. The program will be using the old version this summer and will be switching over to the new version during the 2023-2024 academic year. The new version has 11 performance criteria vs. 14. The program will revise related policies over the summer. The program will ensure all active CIs are trained in the new version prior to January 2024.</p> <p>2. Shelley discussed the current clinical placement availability. There have been no issues having students complete the required mix of clinical sites and stated the current length, duration, and placement of clinical education courses is working well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total contracts; 83 • Total available clinical positions per year: 495 • Outpatient placements: 343 • Inpatient placements: 211 (149 SNF, 46 acute care, 38 rural hospital, 28 inpatient rehab)
8. Discussion on current clinical environment seen by advisory committee members	1. Sydney Lembke mentioned how the PTA clinical environment currently looks from a travel PTA perspective. No concerns were seen regarding reimbursement. The job market for PTAs is very strong right now. Amber mentioned it would be good to get more PTAS onto ND APTA committee.
9. Thank you to outgoing members	Thank you to Morgan Podell, Steve Halcrow, and Kelly Osland for serving on the committee.
10. Nominations of new members	Rickly Morgan and Kayla Lukkason were nominated. Another PT from rural North Dakota will also be recruited.
11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Next Meeting: October 2023