

## **PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 24, 2023 6:00 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry, Shelley Koerber, Dawn Eickman, Jeff Bell, Ricky Morgan, Paige Moore, Lyndsay Grand, Katie Hatt, Sydney Lembke, Kayla Lukkason, Lyndsi Klundt, Jamye McMillan

| Topic  | Discussion/Outcome   |
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| 1. Call to Order   | The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM   |
| Review of prior meeting minutes                              | No changes to the spring 2023 meeting minutes were recommended   |
| 3. Introductions   | Welcome to new advisory committee members Jamye McMillan, Lyndsi Klundt,   |
|  | Kayla Lukkason, and Ricky Morgan.  |
|  | 2. All members introduced themselves   |
| Report from Program Director & Program Demographics/Outcomes | Current state of the college:  |
|  | President Sandy Kiddoo will be leaving at the end of the academic year   |
|  | The new Minn State Chancellor was on campus today talking with faculty about next steps: trying to determine if an interim president should be appointed for the next academic year; another issue is the college currently has an interim VP, so the chancellor is trying to determine if a new interim VP should be appointed until after the new presidential search. |
|  | Dawn Eickman has returned to the college as a full time faculty member teaching courses both inside and outside of the program.  |
|  | 2. Outcome data: from 2018-2022: NPTE pass rate was 100%. For 2023 right now it is at 93.9%. 15 students graduated in May and 14 have taken the exam. One 2023 graduate has failed the NPTE twice, which has not happened for a long time in the   |

program. Faculty will be meeting with him individually to help prepare him for his next attempt in January. Overall pass rates have been down nationally over the past few years. CAPTE requirement is a rolling two year average of at least 85%, which we are still at.

- Looking at a breakdown in scores, neuro and ortho are areas both down slightly, but we are not sure if it is a trend or just a one-year statistic.
- Justin discussed changes in NPTE starting in 2025: 10% less questions, videos, and scenarios.
- Employment rate is good. 100% for those who have passed this year.
- 17 students started this fall, which is the highest number since pre-COVID. Lots of additional recruitment activities last year. We will be also at the Grand Forks Career Expo tomorrow at the Alerus Center, which is attended by hundreds of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from the region.
- The program has 8 2<sup>nd</sup> year students; 3 students from that cohort will be rejoining the first year class in January pending successful completion of prior skill checks.
- Program budget is fine; resources are adequate.
- Administration has mentioned that there may be an opportunity for additional space for the program but this is still being explored.
- Surveying of program graduates, employers of graduates and students at the end of the program all went well this past year, with no concerns noted regarding faculty, the curriculum, or program/college resources.
- The assessment report for this past year included some revision to course objectives. We have been hitting our targets for program outcomes, except for our graduation rate, which is above the CAPTE requirement, but we would like it to be higher.
- Faculty did make a couple minor revisions to our program policies this year, including clarifying that if a student does not meet the CPI requirement, Shelley will first contact the CI to discuss the issue and to see if there student met the expectation. This has been the process, but it was not clarified in policy.
- Also reviewed program goals.

## 3. APTA CSM 2024

- -11th year in a row NCTC students will have research accepted for the conference.
- 4. A research article authored by alumni and Justin will be published in January in the Journal of Allied Health. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> article coauthored by program graduates based

|                                 | on research conducted while they were students. This was presented at the APTA CSM conference in 2022.  |
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|                                 | 6. For faculty activities; Shelley will be teaching a CEU event on the updated version of the CPI for clinical faculty on later this semester; Shelley is co-chair of the Northern Plains Clinical Education Consortium; Shelley and Dawn just attended the APTA's Educational Leadership Conference in Philadelphia.   |
|                                 | Justin is serving as the President of the ND Board of PT; and attended the FSBPT annual meeting last weekend in Jacksonville. He also just served on a Task Force for ACAPT on PTA Program Engagement and will be attending CSM this February.  |
|                                 | 7. The advisory committee discussed equipment activities. Several committee members recommended that the program obtain BFR cuffs. This will be submitted as part of the budget/equipment submission process this fall.   |
|                                 | 8. Dawn discussed her work this year on researching the potential for a pro bono clinic on campus, and plans to visit multiple programs with pro bono clinics.  |
| 6. CAPTE/reaccreditation update | For CAPTE reaccreditation of the program, the new two stage review process was discussed. The dates for the program's reaccreditation is:  SSR: Due March 26 <sup>th</sup> OSV: June 9-12. This will include a meeting of advisory committee  |
|                                 | -Updates are coming to the CAPTE accreditation standards, including some revisions in curriculum. NPTE will have more of a focus on red flags, cardiopulmonary implications for rehab; less on modalities such as ionto and phono. Some additional curricular requirements on DEI also. This will be finalized at the fall CAPTE meeting next month. We will still be on the prior Standards for accreditation. |
| 6. Report from Program DCE      | <ol> <li>Placements for spring and summer are going well.</li> <li>The program continues to have an adequate number and variety of clinical education sites.</li> <li>Total contracts: 83</li> </ol>  |
|                                 | Outpatient positions: 343   |
|                                 | Inpatient positions: 211  |
|                                 | <ul><li>3. Shelley discussed changes to the CPI.</li><li>4. NCTC and UND will be cohosting a Clinical Education night later this semester where the revisions to the CPI will be reviewed with clinical faculty.</li></ul>  |

| 8. Discussion on regional PTA employment, clinical, and reimbursement environment | <ol> <li>Job market for 2023 graduates was very good, with a lot of interest from regional employers. Some areas are having a hard time finding PTs and PTAs.</li> <li>Advisory committee members stated that there are currently a lot of positions for both PTs and PTAs.</li> </ol> |
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| Membership representation review  | Current mix of advisory committee members meets all of the committee requirements.   |
| 10. Adjournment   | 7:06 PM  |

Next Meeting: Spring 2024