

Healthcare Career Pathway – Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
September 30, 2009 – 1:00 pm
Conference Room, H209 – W

- I. **Welcome – Members present included Judy Franks, Ann Martin, Mary Ann Cosgarea, Jan Raber, Ray Sibberson, and Barbara Milliken**

- II. **Follow-up discussion regarding assessment – Ann brought information from JIST regarding the assessment that is done at the University of Akron’s Wayne College. At this point it functions as a global career assessment but she is going to follow through with the vendor to see if there is an opportunity to narrow it to solely a healthcare focus. Committee members were sent a copy of the student report that is generated to get a sense of the resources that become available to the student following completion of the assessment.**

The HOBET (Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test) was reviewed. It is a series of tests that assess preparedness for entering a health professions curriculum. It covers areas such as math, reading, test taking skills, etc. Although this does not address the needs of this current project at this phase, it may be revisited at a later time when this project extends to the contextual-based advanced certificate curriculum design.

The group also reviewed a website created by the Mississippi Hospital Association which included a basic screen and then led the student to descriptions of health careers categorized by personal preferences such as direct patient care, indirect patient care, business and management, technology, etc. Discussion took place regarding how best to replicate something like this for Region 9’s purposes. Barbara volunteered to take this discussion forward to partners who may be able to help with development.

- III. **Determine course objectives – Judy Franks and Rick McIntosh developed a very nice comprehensive outline of how this Introduction to Health Careers course will be rolled out in the ABLE programs. Included was a basic list of objectives and general outline based on the topics generated at the Sept. 8th meeting. Committee members were asked to consider suggestions for additions to the current list. Information from the Career Field Technical Content Standards Document from Tech Prep was also reviewed and inclusion of essential elements discussed.**

Mary Ann and Jan agreed to work on a similar outline of how the course will be rolled out in the Career and Technical areas.

Ray is exploring options for the course to be financial aid eligible through possible inclusion of this course as a recommended elective in some of the UA programming at Summit College. Barbara will address the same issue within Stark State.

Ray spent considerable time attempting to find reference to a similar course being offered through other institutions but was unsuccessful. Barbara has had the same experience. As a result, the subcommittee will be developing the course in its entirety to meet the Regional needs.

- IV. Review topic list generated from previous meeting – This was reviewed briefly and the group was asked to consider additions and deletions as we move forward. The question of an experiential element was raised. This is still being considered but some members believe that it will be too challenging to incorporate into a 1 credit course. A conversation regarding how to best format the course to include contact hours without adding to the credit level took place.
- V. Discuss potential inclusion of E-Portfolio – Several subcommittee members attended an inservice related to utilizing E-Portfolio as tool to assist the student in navigating through the ABLE environment in preparation for entering the healthcare field and beyond. Rick McIntosh will be following up with the vendor to discuss cost and feasibility.
- VI. Interested partners – The Intro to Healthcare Careers course is being written into a competitive DOL grant to be submitted this month. There are area hospital partners associated with this grant initiative that may be willing to provide space or support in other ways. A representative from the Stark County chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) organization has voiced interest and willingness to help move this initiative forward.
- VII. Next steps – The group agreed to reconvene in 3 weeks on October 21st.
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