WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

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Component: Dental Assisting Advisory Committee
Chairman: Tammy Glover
Date & Time of Meeting: October 2, 2014 5:30PM
Members Present: Tammy Glover RDH, CDA, Sandra Rhoney CDA, Joyce Baker CDA, Kimberly Mojica CDA, Perry Beeson DDS, Kimberly Gragg DDS, Dale Griffith DDS
Members Absent: Lucas Ramsey CDA, Diane Gwaltney CDA, William Straka DDS
Guests Present:
Forward Additional Copies to: Dr. Michael Helmick, Dr. Chad Bledsoe, Atticus Simpson, Sandra Hoilman and WPCC Minutes *(WPCC Minutes is listed in the Outlook Global Address List.)*

There were ten graduates in 2014; eight are employed at the present time. There are currently sixteen students in the program, eleven are from Burke County, one from Rutherford County, one from Lincoln County, two from Catawba County and one from Caldwell County.

The graduate and employer surveys for the 2014 class are not complete at this time. A summary will be mailed to committee members once the surveys are completed.

With the exception of Panorex, the Dental Assisting Program is using digital sensors to expose all x-rays in the dental clinic.

The Health Science Division is now called the Health Science/Developmental Studies Division. Dr. Linda Satey retired and the new dean for the Division is Ann Marie McNeely.

Committee members agreed that students may use digital blood pressure cuffs for recording blood pressure. They also confirmed the discontinuation of mixing rubber base impression material for final denture impressions. The program will switch to a polyvinyl impression material in cartridges for this purpose.

Dr. Robert Ealy from J Iverson Riddle Developmental Center volunteered his time last year to work with students on their final composite competency and is planning to do so again this year.

At the present time we have a sufficient number of clinical sites for the dental assisting students.

WPCC hosted a sealant clinic in Spring semester. Students from NCSD were provided with exams, fluoride, sealants and oral hygiene instructions. Students also provided dental care on the Medical/Dental Bus in Hickory NC.

CODA standard changes have changed in several areas. Tammy Glover plans to attend the ADEA Meeting October 27-28th where the changes will be discussed.

Committee members discussed requiring students to take a CPR/Dental Emergencies Continuing Education class prior to starting the program to meet one of the CODA standard changes

Committee members felt that Tammy Glover should investigate the possibility of requiring students to have criminal background checks and a drug screen prior to starting the program.

Committee members expressed their concern that potential dental assisting students are being drawn into proprietary dental assisting programs. It was requested that dental offices be provided with WPCC Program Flyers to distribute to patients who indicate an interest in dental assisting.