WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# MINUTES

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**Component:** 2014 Human Services Technology/Substance Abuse Counseling Advisory Oversight Committee
**Chairman:** Charles M. Moore
**Date & Time of Meeting:** 10-02-2014
**Members Present:** Charles Moore- Program Coordinator, Robert W. Angley- Program Faculty, Lora Melott- Career Coach with NCWorks through The Cognitive Connection and Program Graduate May 2012, Charleen Stokes- Program Graduate May 2014, Birgit Lasanti- CEO Burke Hospice & Palliative Care, Jim Van Hecke- Director Burke County Council on Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency, Lynn Doll- Director of Volunteer Services @ J. Iverson Riddell Developmental Center
**Members Absent:** Annie Earle- Program Director of ALFA, Trish Fields- McDowell Co. DSS Economic Services Supervisor, Steve Ledford- Substance Abuse Program Director Catawba Detention Center.
**Guests Present:** N/A
**Forward Additional Copies to:** Dr. Michael Helmick, Dr. Chad Bledsoe, Atticus Simpson, Sandra Hoilman and WPCC Minutes *(WPCC Minutes is listed on Outlook.)*

## (Please give a brief summary of discussion and a description of all action taken.)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of Minutes from Advisory Committee Meeting 2013: Minutes approved.

3. Office and Program Relocation: Notification to members that the Human Services/Substance Abuse Programs have relocated to the Business and Public Services Division in Carr Hall as of 08/2014. It was announced that Ms. Leslie McKesson is the acting Dean.

4. Human Services/Substance Abuse Program Student Activities/Events:

    - 10 Selected students and 4 Faculty attended the Addiction Professionals of N.C. annual Spring Conference on 04-14-2014
    - 15 Selected students and 4 Faculty set to attend the N.C. Organization of Human Services Fall Conference on 11-07-2014
    - Discussion of WPCC HSE/SAB Club activities. The club continues on hold this semester due to a continued lack of regular student participation. Faculty and invested students are hopeful that student interest and desire for participation will increase in 2015.
    - Discussion of current program Internships, May 2014 Graduation numbers and Job Placements since May 2014

- Easter Seals of NC has agreed to host Human Services student internship opportunities
- DLA of Newton has agreed to host H/S-SAB interns starting Fall 2014
- Lora Melott announced possibilities for internships at the NC Works Center-Catawba County for Fall 2015
- Discussion of decreased program and college-wide enrollment over the last two years
- Discussion and processing of HSE/SAB drop-out rate and retention strategies for students

5. Open Discussion and suggestions for program and faculty:

    - Discussion of new human services resources in the surrounding community including The Circles Program for Burke County, and The Strategic Alliance for Burke Youth (SABY). Plans are underway to hopefully partner with these agencies for student intern and volunteer opportunities in the future

6. Wrap-up

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.