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MINUTES

Advanced Care Paramedic
Program Advisory Committee Meeting
March 27, 2012
Fanshawe College
D3018 Conference Room

Present: Mike Peddle, Mark Hunter, Dugg Steary, Christine Griffith, Paul Robinson, Kristen Brown, Terry Williams, Devon Cresswell, Ron Hawkins,

Regrets:

1 Welcome and Introductions
   • Dugg welcomed the members of the committee and brief introductions were made

2 Election of New Chair
   • Mike Peddle was elected as Chair

3 Approval of Agenda
   • Motion carried to approve agenda as submitted

4 Approval of Minutes
   • Motioned carried to defer the approval of the minutes as submitted

5 Action item updates from previous meeting
   • Dugg mentioned that given the numbers of part-time professors and lack of a full-time professor in the ACP Program, Pat Kirkby was going to draft a recommendation for staff analysis proposal and send to Dr. Lewell
   • Christine confirmed that the ACP Program was approved for a new F/T position
   • Dugg mentioned that the contract that was in place with the Base Hospital Program was extended for the courtesy of the accreditation process
   • Negotiations were to start with the agreement between the Base Hospital Program and Fanshawe College
   • Mark mentioned that there has not been a signed agreement or invoice received to his knowledge
   • Dugg is concerned that the students are working under an expired contract

6 Student perspective report
   Terry Williams
   • Scenarios, practical and labs were challenging
   • Hospital placement with neonatal was a good experience
   • Base hospital experience was positive
   • Mass casualty incident was a great experience
   • Could provide more time with the clinical coordinator
   • Training preceptor difficulty with sign-off's
   • 35 day ride outs could be expanded to 50
   • Paper work from hospital clinical placements were delayed- immunizations etc.
   • Would recommend the cadaver lab be a full day lab
Kristen Brown
• Weaker link in staffing; some staff not as supportive on lab duties
• OB rotation need for improvement, would be nice to float around more
• More communication needed with the Nurses as to what the students are there for and what they can do versus what they can’t do
• Clinical time with the physicians went well, found it a good experience
• Kristen mentioned that it would a valuable experience taking the students to the Guelph Cadaver Lab
• Appreciated the hands on learning and different learning styles

Devon Cresswell
Devon has five years’ experience coming into the program; also a fire fighter
Tried to get into the ACP Program at Fanshawe College a couple of years ago; applied directly to

7 Accreditation Update
• Same as Paramedic Program
• Change lab manuals – more room for preceptors on the ACRs
• Eye wash station required - installed
• Staffing resources
• More feedback from PAC (advice and recommendations how is it evaluated and acted on)
• More documentation for student feedback
• Tighten action lines on minutes and provide results

8 Other Business
• Schedule 3 Certification
  o Any Paramedic can be delegated to perform schedule 2 which makes them an Advanced Care Paramedic
  o Students graduating from Fanshawe attained a temporary certification from the Base Hospital pending results of their provincial exam
  o Under the current regulations Base Hospitals are not allowed to certify Schedule 3 activities until students have passed the multiple choice provincial exam
  o Even though graduates are adequately trained in these skills they cannot be delegated Schedule 3 activities
  o The results of their examination must be received before they can be certified
  o This can be practiced in their preceptorship as this is a supervised activity
  o These skills are revisited every year and recertified as they are high risk low volume procedures
  o Colleges are not advised of the dates of exams and it could be months before students know their results
  o Motion to the committee:
    ▪ Colleges need to let the Ministry of Health know that this unacceptable delivery. How come exam notification is so short, how come feedback from the exams takes so long, especially when it impacts on the ability of the paramedic student to earn an income during that time. Some services are saying that until the exam is passed the student is not an ACP therefore they are not being paid ACP wages. The Colleges should rally the Ministry of Health and tell them this is unacceptable.
    ▪ Dr. Lewell had to email the MOH on behalf of the college so that we could find out when the exams were scheduled. This should not require MAC members advocating on the college’s behalf
    o What happens when you don’t have a relationship with a Base Hospital
    o Services will be paying the students ACP wages, they cannot be called an ACP, they can’t have ACP marked on a vehicle
    o In theory the communication of exam completions should be MoH to College, College to Base Hospital Program and to the Services.
    o As it stands now students are informed first and are requested to let the services know their results
    o There is realignment of jobs at Base Hospitals therefore, we could have a different Medical Director assigned to Fanshawe College.
9 Date and Time of Next Meeting
   • January 16, 2012 – 11 am
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<td><strong>Completed – see recommendation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Recommendation:</strong> Given the number of part-time professors and lack of a full-time professor in the ACP Program, the College be encouraged to analyze staffing requirements for this program with the intent of acquiring a full-time complement for the program.</td>
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<td><strong>Recommendation:</strong> Given that Fanshawe College recognizes the value of the relationship with the Base Hospital Program as it being cost savings as opposed to costly to the program that efforts are made to negotiate the contract sounding well ahead of time to an amicable level between both parties in view with a long term commitment</td>
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