

Florida SouthWestern State College  
Radiologic Technology Program

Advisory Committee Meeting 2/19/2021

Agenda

- I. Introductions, College and Program Overview
- II. Review of mission statement and assessment data
- III. COVID Updates
- IV. New local programs
- V. Program attrition rate
- VI. Employment Outlook
- VII. JRCERT Accreditation Cycle
- VIII. Shielding
- IX. Open Discussion

## Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

February 19, 2021

### Attendees:

Rendy Petrin – Lee Health System  
Jim Mayhew – Director, Radiologic Technology Program  
Coleen Kubetschek- Clinical Coordinator  
Nancy Costello – Clinical Coordinator  
Margaret Santos – Cape Coral Hospital  
Laura Adams – Lee Memorial Hospital  
Tiffany Schell – Radiology Regional  
Addie Long – Naples Community Hospital  
Kristen Hickey –Health Park Medical Center  
Annette Ridley – Gulf Coast Medical Center  
JJ Johnson – Lehigh Regional Hospital  
Andy Guerro– 1<sup>st</sup> year student  
Heather Wobecky – NCH  
Susan – Clinical Supervisor, NCH  
Robin -  
Jane Fry – Lee Health  
Cassie Steves - Student Success Advisor II, School of Health Professions  
Tamra Pacheco (scribe)

Jim Mayhew called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

### **Introductions and Program Overview**

- Jim Mayhew requested introductions from each attendee.
- Jim went over the program mission and goals on the handout and requested approval from the attendees. They all agreed to accept it as written.

### **Program Mission and Assessment Data**

- Jim provided an overview of the program assessment handout and read the program mission statement.
- Jim stated that they barely got the students through the summer courses and had issues getting student clinical evaluations so they could graduate on time.
- All 13 students passed the board exam which they took in August or September due to COVID -19.
- All of the graduates have found employment.
- Current students will graduate in August since we had to shift clinical a whole semester. The last day in the program will be Kettering which is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Program Attrition Rate**

- Jim reviewed the retention/attrition handout. We had 13 graduate in 2020 and that number has a lot to do with COVID since the students dropped in fear of their safety in clinical settings.
- 24 students will graduate in 2021
- 19 will graduate in 2022, at this point.
- One student is withdrawing this week due to COVID.
- We did not do interviews last admission cycle, but we will do Zoom interviews this time.

### **COVID Update**

- Lee Health still has guidelines stating that students cannot work with COVID.
- Lee Health only allows 2 students at each site and cannot perform flora exams.
- Susan at NCH stated that students can perform flora exams, but not permitted to work on COVID patients.
- Tiffany at Radiology Regional stated that they do not see COVID patients, but they have safety guidelines in place.
- Jeremiah (JJ) stated that Lehigh Regional does not allow students to work on COVID patients.
- Heather at NCH stated that everything is going well and they are opening to visitors.
- Andy, 1<sup>st</sup> year student, has some concerns with the ability to participate in procedures due to COVID.
- Nancy Costello asked if a COVID positive patient is always listed as positive. Remy stated that it must be current and EPIC will drop that status after around 14 days or so.
- NCH will list the status as historic if over 6 months has passed since the diagnosis. They still take standard precautions.
- Only patients with symptoms at Lee Health get tested for COVID.
- Jeremiah at Lehigh Regional stated that every patient is tested for COVID.
- NCH stated that they test every patient as well.
- Jim stated that they are still having issues getting the N95s of a certain style. We have plenty of surgical masks.
- Jim requested the attendees to let him know if the students need PPE.

### **New Local Programs**

- Rasmussen has a program that is offered on evenings and weekends.
- Keiser University starting a Radiology Tech program in Naples in the fall

### **Employment Outlook**

- Peggy at Lee Health stated that she has 4 full time positions and 2 are in diagnostics.
- Robin stated that she has PRN openings
- NCH has 4 full time and 2 PRN positions open.
- Radiology Regional has 12 positions open since some have been promoted to management. The openings are in diagnostics, CT, and mammography.
- JJ stated that Lehigh Regional is full, but they had to hire people that were not up to par.
- We have graduates that are interested in mammography.

## **JRCERT Accreditation Cycle**

- In 2022 the program reaches the mid-accreditation stage. There is not a site visit at that time. We just have to submit a report and they determine there is a need for a visit before the scheduled visit in 2026.

## **Shielding**

- New NCRP guidelines state that there are disadvantages for hip and pelvis shielding.
- The risk of cutting off parts in an image are higher than the risk of causing damage to that part of a patient with radiation
- Once we get the word from ARRT that shielding is not required, we will no longer include it in our curriculum.
- Rendy stated that they have not eliminated shielding at Lee Health, but they have been doing the research on it.
- Shands and a hospital in Texas have eliminated shielding, but Orlando has not.
- Rendy stated that they will discuss it in their August meeting. If it is eliminated, they will shield upon request only.
- The technology has changed over the years and it is not necessary to shield in any of the long images.
- Nancy stated that All Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, PA has also stopped shielding.
- JJ stated that they are changing to gonadal shielding only and it is not mandatory for other areas.
- NCH is still shielding all areas when needed.
- Physicians Regional is also shielding all areas.
- Nancy stated that we should inquire with David Ingram, our clinical associate, on shielding at his location.
- Radiology Regional is still shielding in all areas.

## **Open Discussion**

- Jim inquired with Robin and Annette on the expansion at Gulf Coast Hospital. Only ultrasound has been added and they are working around the construction.
- Gulf Coast Hospital will add staff as needed and when the trauma center moves they will shift the staff over as well. The hospital is going from 500 to 650 beds as well.
- There are 28 vacancies for Respiratory Care since they are all leaving to be travelers.
- We are trying to get Nancy's position converted to Faculty.
- Jane Fry inquired if we send out employer surveys. Jim stated that we send out employer surveys every couple years and student surveys 6 months after they graduate.
- The employer surveys are about a group of hired students, not individuals.
- Andy stated there are no big concerns. He is enjoying his education and it is a little limited now but he feels that he knew enough to move to another location.
- Jim stated we will be shuffling students around to learn different examinations.
- Some places do more flora than others.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:08.