

HIT Advisory Board Meeting

May 8, 2023

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Florida SouthWestern State College

School of Health Professions Building, Room AA-177



Health Information Technology Program

AGENDA TOPICS

- Welcome and Introductions! Dr. Susan L. Foster
- CAHIIM Comprehensive Accreditation Review Dr. Susan L. Foster
- HIT Program Review and Updates Dr. Susan L. Foster
 - MICB Program Review and Updates
 - 2022 Graduate Survey Results
- HIT Capstone Experience Update (PPE) Elizabeth Whitmer, RHIT
- MICB Capstone Experience NEW (PPE) Dr. Susan L. Foster
- Bachelor in Applied Science Degree NEW Dr. Susan L. Foster
- Environmental Survey and Feedback Members
- Other Business

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Florida SouthWestern State College
Health Information Technology/MICB
Advisory Committee Meeting
Building A Room 137 | Zoom
October 19, 2018

Attendees:

Dr. Susan L Foster – Program Director, HIT Program
Alex Schimel – FSW Director of Advising
Ann Thompson – Cancer Registrar, Cancer Data Center
Rae Freeman – HIM Manager, Millennium Physician Group
Therese Mayhew – HIM Director, Lee Health
Sharon Fitzgerald – Adjunct Instructor, HIT Program
Dr. Tami Such – Dean, School of Health Professions
Elizabeth Whitmer – Faculty, Health Information Technology Program
Ronda Tews – Sr. Director, Modernizing Medicine
Julie Pursley – Sr. Director, AHIMA
Rachael D’Andrea – Adjunct Instructor, HIT Program
Kelly McClendon – Sr. VP, CompliancePro Solutions - Genzeon
Jamie Marnich – HIM Director, Sarasota Memorial
Michelle Dalrymple – Coding Supervisor, Regional Ohio
Tommy Mann – Sr. Director, School of Health Professions
Ryan Gosselin – Director, Florida Cancer Specialists
Tamra Pacheco (Scribe) – Coordinator, Health Professions

Welcome: Dr. Foster called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. Introductions were performed by all in attendance.

CAHIIM Comprehensive Accreditation Review Discussion:

The substantial change of hiring a new program director caused the CAHIIM Review Cycle to be moved from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024. The FSW website was updated with our APAR for the 2021-22 AY outcomes for review by CAHIIM; due April 1, 2023. We are currently working on our self-assessment and addressing each standard. The self-assessment is due September 1st. This also includes curriculum mapping of all courses to the AHIMA competencies as well as program goals.

We have been reviewing the following programs goals:

- Curriculum effectiveness – development of course maps for all HIT courses.
- Student needs – student satisfaction – we will use SOS and graduate surveys.
- Graduates - ability to demonstrate RHIT competency – RHIT Mock Exam results.
- Faculty development – make sure that faculty is meeting goals annually and obtain outside educations such as the AOE.
- Community outreach – participation of community on program and community events and presentations by students – host at least 1 educational seminar each AY.

Finally, we have a CAHIIM virtual site visit tentatively scheduled for March 7th and 8th, 2024. Advisory Committee members were invited to attend.

Action: We would like input from the Advisory Committee on our future goals of the program and will request feedback via a survey.

HIT Program Review & Updates

- AHIMA has redesigned the School Quarterly Exam Reports and students can now give permission to share exam results with the program. In 2021-2022 we had a 43% pass rate for the RHIT, however, we do not know who took the exam. A student who graduated in 2021 just took the RHIT exam this year. Currently, students who have reported exam outcomes to us personally show a 100% pass rate for 5 students this year.
- We have 15 AHIMA RHIT exam vouchers for 15 students to take the RHIT exam in the next couple years. This money was from a grant. We are in the process of developing an application process for tracking and reporting purposes. The college has been approved as a Pearson Vue testing center. AHIMA requires a palm/vein reader for our students to take the RHIT exam here. We are in the process of securing one for our testing site and then graduates will be able to test here at the Lee campus.
- In AY 2022-23 we had 38 students that continued this year and 7 students graduated in December 2022. We have 70 students in the program now which is a 79% progression/retention rate. A graduate survey was sent out to the Fall 2022 graduates with 4 responding (57% response rate). Of those who responded 50% were employed in health-related jobs, and 25% were employed in non-health related jobs, and 25% are continuing their education. Comments from students were shared.
- We receive correspondence from potential students showing interest in the program almost daily. Students have requested more coding and we are bringing coding courses back to campus and offering them in the FLEX modality to allow for students to Zoom in if they are unable to attend each class. This will allow for an option of a face-to-face learning environment rather than only synchronous online.

Curriculum Review

- Based on comments from students and graduates as well as preparing for our CAHIIM review, we have some proposals for revisions and updates to both the HIT and MICB program pending approval. We are looking at using AHIMA textbooks for a majority of the courses.
- We would like to remove the Medical Office Administration course since it does not cover AHIMA outcomes. This will make room in the curriculum for a new course. We recommend revising HIM1800C Medical Office Simulation course to a Health Information Management Simulation course and incorporate EHRgo activities that work well or mirror what is taught in the HIM1000 course. We would like to bring back the Health Data Management course and revise it for data analytics.
- Inpatient Procedural course may be added based upon student requests. This course would be utilized in both the HIT and MICB programs.
- To enhance the HIM2729 Advanced Coding and Reimbursement course we are looking at adding the Clinical Coding Workout textbook to use with coding simulation.
- Finally, for MICB we would like to add a new capstone experience course with a 30 hour PPE to provide a professional experience for the MICB students.

Capstone Experience

- Elizabeth presented to the committee information on our capstone courses. We always need more sites for our HIT Capstone and appreciate the support of our current sites. Ann Thompson at Lee Cancer Registry is supportive of our students and stated that they learn their process from diagnosis to death from cancer. 40 hours are spent with an HIM preceptor and the preceptor is eligible for CEUs.
- We will request input from the Advisory Committee on addition of a capstone experience course for the MICB certificate program. This was based off of comments from the graduate survey and student comments. It is important for our students to have health information professionals to put our students to work and lead them to be professionals. We thank our attendees for their support.

Action: We would like input from the Advisory Committee on our curriculum recommendations and a survey we will send out.

Bachelors of Applied Science Health Informatics Data Management

- A plan for the future is to include a bachelor's of applied science degree program at FSW. Part of the project includes an environmental scan to find the need in the area. We will need at least two letters of recommendation from other schools in the area in support of the program.
- We would propose a bachelor of applied science degree in health informatics and data management using the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and AHIMA competencies. This would build a pathway for HIT graduates to continue their education. This would also be an interdisciplinary program in collaboration with the School of Business & Technology by incorporating various computer and information science courses into the degree.
- We discussed the 10 domains of health informatics as well as reviewed the AHIMA Career Map for emerging new roles in health informatics and data analytics.

SWFL Area FDEO

- Research on the demand in our service area which includes Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties in SW Florida shows Medical and Health Services Managers is the 7th fastest growing occupation in the Southwest Florida area with a projected growth of 27% through 2030.
- There is a projected growth of 387 jobs with an estimated 1367 job openings through the year 2030 in the SW Florida region. The median hourly wage is 46.45 per hour. A bachelor's degree is required and this occupation is considered a high skill/high wage occupation.

Discussion

- Our next professional practice experience course will be offered in the fall. The preceptor at the facility will take charge of the student tasks completed, and we will provide some guidelines that coincide with the curriculum requirements. We have 7 students for the fall PPE course.
- We need you to assist us in completing a needs assessment and provide input, thoughts, and comments on our proposals, program goals and updates. To facilitate this, we will be sending out a link to a survey to all advisory committee members to collect your feedback and input for continued success of our students and the HIT program.
- Other business - Our next Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually in November.

- Jamie Marnich at Sarasota Memorial stated that they are hiring students under pre-employment in the summer and have a job for them after graduation. She will send information on the program for us to review for our students.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm. The next meeting will be virtual in November.

Respectively submitted by:

Tamara Pacheco, Coordinator School of Health Professions