

**DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 4/2/2024
FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE**

In attendance:

Ms. Crystal Riggs, RDH
Ms. Kristina Sinhold, RDH
Ms. Karen Molumby, RDH
Ms. Laura Hudson, RDH
Ms. Mariela Chavez, RDH
Ms. Natalie Schmidt, RDH
Ms. Danyelle Smith, RDH
Ms. Jessica Shivers, RDH
Ms. Johanna Najera, RDH
Ms. Jade Chands, RDH
Ms. Meadow Hetland, RDH
Ms. Chris Weygant
Ms. Selina Martinez, RDH
Jessica Larsen, Class of 2025
Alexia Valdivia, Class of 2024
Dr. Carol Stevens
Dr. Magdaline Britto
Dr. Suni Koshy
Ms. Dejnane Fevrier, RDH
Ms. Jami Ware, RDH
Ms. Yessenia Iglesias, RDH
Ms. Christy Bessette RDH
Ms. Cheryl Bolo, RDH
Alex Schimel

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 by Karen Molumby.

Meeting Minutes:

1. A motion to approve the Spring 2023 minutes was called by Dr. Carol Stevens and a second motion was made by Dr. Britto.

New Members:

1. Introduction of new Advisory Board Members include Cheryl Bolo, Chris Weygant, Jade Chanda, Laura Hudson, Kristina Sinhold and Jessica Larson. Faculty additions were Christy Bessette.

Committee Agenda Topics

A. Class of 2023 and Class of 2024 Update:

Alexia Valdivia from the Class of 2024 reports the students have completed 2/4 licensure examinations. She states that her class has started treating 8-patients/day and have handled the quantity pretty well. Alexia states that some classmates have jobs and everyone is looking forward to getting their first job.

Jessica Larson, described how her Class is finishing their second semester and are looking forward to the summer activities that are planned for them in clinic. in the classroom setting. She expressed

- B. Community Involvement: Faculty members, Natalie Schmidt, Christy Bessette and Dr. Britto discussed the Program community activities.
- a. The GKAS day event was held on March 21-22, 2024 during the Lee County School District spring break. 97 children were provided a free cleaning, limited exam, radiographs and 136 sealants were placed. The marketing for the event improved to include visiting the EMS students, nursing advisors, flyers distributed by students, facebook, emails to VPK schools, WIC and head start. Natalie reports difficulty being able to advertise to Lee County schools due to the need to pay for any advertisement. The event had sophomore and freshman students working together as well as dental hygiene information videos about sports mouthguards, nutritional foods, a visit to the dental office and brushing and flossing, The freshman and sophomore students present a pre and post survey to capture how well the participants retained the dental information.
 - b. The Vendor Day event is an annual activity in the Expanded Functions course where local dental representatives such GSK, Waterpik, 3M, Dental supply companies, employment agencies, and other dental companies present products related to dental and dental hygiene to expose dental hygiene students to products that they may encounter in their employment settings.
 - c. The Lighthouse Commons event is a new COHP introduced to College residents at FSW. The students prepared a program, attended informational sessions to inform other students on oral health care. The activity culminated in the fall semester with residents being screened in the dental clinic to return a week later to have a free cleaning, exam and patient education.
 - d. The VPK program will be changing involve the Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Center. This change permits the students to do their presentations at one location and to serve many groups.
 - e. The Nursing Home location has changed to Cypress Cove. The fall 2024 semester will be the return of students to do live presentations since COVID.
 - f. Other Community Activities such as WIC and the Elementary School presentations will once again resume live presentations due to COVID and Hurricane Ian. The sophomore students will continue to participate in the LCDS dinner meetings.
 - g. The STEAM event is sponsored twice each year with the summer semester expanding to include activities such taking radiographs, learning about the instruments, chair positioning, dental anatomy and participating in a PPE activity.
- C. Renovation of the Dental Hygiene Clinic:
The Dental Clinic suction renovation is almost completed. New dental chairs were installed in summer 2023. The dental chairs were funded through the Perkins Grant which was approximately \$240,000. The original construction company that was hired for the job had issues so a second company came in to correct the problems with the suction, flooring and electrical system. A video was shown of the dental clinic to show board members the new changes.

D. ONLINE - Bachelors of Science, Healthcare Leadership Proposal:

Our Dental Hygiene students currently are eligible to enroll in FSW’s Supervisory and Management Bachelor’s degree as well as the Bachelors of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene with St. Petersburg. Florida SouthWestern State College in the process of developing a new Bachelor’s of Science, Healthcare Leadership program designed for AS graduates from FSW’s CVT, Radiology Technology, Dental Hygiene, Human Services, EMS, Fire Science, HIT, Respiratory Technology, Advance Medical Assistant and PTA. This new degree will require a graduate to finish 25% of the bachelor’s credit at FSW to earn the degree.

To apply for this BS degree, a student will need to complete anyone of the AS health programs at FSW. The credit breakdown consists of the following:

1. 36 general education credits are needed for graduates with a dental hygiene degree. If a DH graduate does not have an AA degree they would need to complete ENC 1102, a Humanities core and another math course to meet the general education requirement.

General Education Courses for Baccalaureate Degree - 36 Credits			
Categories	Recommended Courses	Credits	DEH
Communication (9)	ENC 1101 Composition I (Core) (WI)	3	0
	ENC 1102 Composition II (Core) (WI)	3	3
	SPC (Spc 1017 or SPC 2608)	3	0
Humanities (6)	Core Humanities Gen Ed (WI)	3	0
	Humanities Gen Ed	3	3
Social Sciences (9)	AMH 2020 or POS 2041	3	0
	PSY 2012 Introduction to Psychology	3	0
	SYG 1000 Principles of Sociology	3	0
Mathematics (6)	Core Mathematics	3	0
	Mathematics Gen Ed	3	3
Natural Sciences (6)	Core Natural Science w/Lab	3	0
	Natural Science Gen Ed	3	0
Total Credit Hours		36	9

2. 44 DH program credits will be transferred to the bachelor’s degree.
3. 40 Upper level credits (25 bachelor major core and 15 concentration credits) are required.
 - a. A DH student would graduate with 129 credits if they do not have an AA
 - b. The Bachelors of Science Healthcare Leadership will consist of five concentrations:
 - Organizational Management
 - Behavioral Health Sciences
 - Cardiovascular Sciences
 - Respiratory Care Sciences
 - Health Data and Information Sciences
 - c. Proposed Major Core Courses:

Major Core Courses – 25 Credits

<i>Course Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
HIM 3170	Healthcare Finance Management	3
MAN 3301	Human Resources Management	3
HSA 3423	Healthcare Law and Policy	3
HSA 4184	Leadership and Management in Healthcare Organizations	3
HIM 4507	Healthcare Quality Improvement and Risk Management	3
HSC 4652	Healthcare Ethics and Professionalism	3
HSA 4702	Research Methods for Health Professions (WI)	4
HIS 4901	Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Capstone	3

d. Proposed Organizational Management Concentration:

Organizational Management Concentration – 15 Credits

<i>Course Code</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
HSC 3209	Community and Population Health	3
HSA 3430	Healthcare Economics	3
HSC 3661	Communication in Healthcare	3
HSA 4191	Health Information Systems	3
HIM 4624	Health Data Analysis	3

- e. Application Process –The application process for approval through the State of Florida is approximately 15-18 months after the application is completed. The projected timeframe to begin the program, if approved, would be fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026.
- f. A discussion with the board members with specific input from Cheryl Bolo, Jessica Shivers, Alexia Valdivia, Chris Weygant, Dr. Carol Stevens, Danyelle Smith, Djenane Fevier, Selina Martinez and others expressed support for additional employment opportunities for dental hygienists in the private sector. The consensus amongst the Advisory board was to support additional educational options for students to earn a bachelors degree.
- g. Dental Advisory Board Members were informed that the college would be sending out a survey to past graduates to identify an interest in the bachelors of Science degree in Healthcare Leadership. The bachelor’s degree committee would like to request advisory board members to submit letters of support for the online Bachelor’s of Science degree in Healthcare Leadership.

E. Program Expansion: The program has prepared a proposal to increase the enrollment to address job market shortages and FSW general student population interest. The proposal was given to the SoHP Dean to recommend a PT option to enable a cohort group to finish the program in 3-years. How the program would operate is to accept a cohort group of 18 students and a cohort group of 10 students

each year. The PT cohort (10 students) would start with one cohort (18 student cohort) and finish the program with the cohort of 18-students who start a year later.

- a. A discussion amongst the board members included the pros and cons of an enrollment increase. There was a concern as to the need of a PT option verses taking 28 students as FT. Questions about the criteria of admissions was asked by a member. The goal is to maintain the current admission criteria for both a FT and/or PT options. Applicants would be asked their preference as to their enrollment option. The PT option is geared to but not limited to a:
 - i. Student(s) with children
 - ii. Student(s) who was unsuccessful in a course to switch to the next cohort.
 - iii. Student(s) who need to work to support themselves.
- b. Enrollment expansion must be approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to include facilities that can accommodate the additional students.
- c. The Advisory Board is in favor of the expansion.

F. Renovation of existing dental hygiene designated classroom:

The dental hygiene designated classroom houses 10 program core courses. This classroom has not been updated since 2001 to reflect current clinical dental hygiene standards. The dental classroom is a barrier for the expansion of the program. Funding resources from FSW Foundation, the State of Florida, Perkins Grant and/or donors from the community is vital to be able to expand the program from 18 to 28 students. A video of the current facilities was shown to the advisory board.

The College has invested \$750,000 to rebuild the suction system and provided \$240,000 with the Perkins Grant to purchase new dental chairs in the summer of 2023. The board members discussed other options such as to build a new building, collaborate with another facility and expand the current facilities. Any community funding resources would be channeled through FSW's Foundation and a general discussion for the renovation and program expansion would be begin with the SoHP Dean.

If funding is made possible by 2024, the program would not be able to increase the enrollment until CODA and the facilities were updated. This would be the fall of 2026 at the earliest.

G. Class of 2026:

The Class of 2026 acceptance letters were sent out this past Monday. The program received 50% positive acceptance responses less than 24 hours after the emails were sent. 206 applications were received for the 2023-2024 AY. 48 applicants did not meet the minimum requirement of completing three science courses. Of the 158 applicants, 56% of the potential candidates had a GPA below 3.0.

H. Licensure Examination Progress – Class of 2024

- a. As of today, the Class of 2024 has completed 2/4 licensure examinations. The clinical board is April 19-21 and the law exam should be finished by the end of April. The summary report provided by the CODA is due mid-April.
- b. On another note the summary report for the Class of 2023 was reviewed since the information was not available at the 2023 annual DH Advisory meeting. This Cohort scored above the national average in 14/14 categories.

The meeting was adjourned by 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 4/5/2025 Karen Molumby