HIT Advisory Board Meeting

February 22, 2024

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Florida SouthWestern State College

School of Health Professions, via Zoom

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

- Curriculum Review   Dr. Susan L. Foster

- Bachelor in Applied Science Degree NEW   Dr. Susan L. Foster

- Environmental Survey and Feedback   Dr. Susan L. Foster

- Employment Opportunities   Members

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Health Information Technology/MICB
Advisory Committee Meeting
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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
Julie Pursley – Sr. Director, AHIMA
Rachael D'Andrea – Adjunct Instructor, HIT Program
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 5:05 pm. Introductions were performed by all in attendance.

CAHIIM Comprehensive Accreditation Review Discussion:

- CAHIIM has new accreditation standards and competencies.
- Our self-Assessment was submitted in September. On November 29th, we were approved for an extended assessment period of 7 years after being selected as 1 of 30 schools to be part of the CAHIIM Future Education Module Demonstration program.
- FSW is currently the only CAHIIM accredited school in Florida accepted to the CAHIIM Demonstration program and will be awarded the title of Program of Distinction.
- Previously we were accredited based on 6 Domains with 33 competencies. With the new Entry-to-Practice Competencies for Health Data and Information Management Professionals and Leaders, there are 10 units with 33 competencies and 119 performance indicators (total of 152).
- CAHIIM requires the use of Miller's Pyramid for assessment instead of Bloom's Taxonomy.
- The HIT Program will be reaccredited in 2025.
- Elizabeth Whitmer and Susan Foster will attend a training conference in Texas this April in order to create course templates and assessments utilizing the new standards.

HIT Program Review & Updates

- In December of 2023, there were 8 graduates and 1 student completed their PPE in January and graduated. This is consistent with our 8-10 graduates per year.
- The program had its first pinning ceremony in December and 7 of the 8 students attended.
- We had new pins designed for the event and have more in stock for this year's pinning.
- We have two new logos (color & b/w) made for the program to be included in marketing brochures.
- We received funding for 15 RHIT Exam test vouchers last year and 5 graduates took advantage of the free RHIT Exam. We currently have 10 remaining test vouchers for next year.
- We had an 86% pass rate for students who took the RHIT exam Academic Year 2022 - 2023. The national average is 80% pass rate.

Curriculum Review

- Based on feedback from the advisory board survey, we have made some changes to the program curriculum.
- We are removing HSA 1253 Medical Office Administration and adding HIM 2215 Healthcare Statistics and Analytics and HIM 2723 Inpatient Procedural Coding.
- HIM 1000 Intro to HIM & 2510 Quality Mgmt. in Healthcare now have Course Maps and HIM 2510 is undergoing internal review for Quality Matters.
- HIM 2215 and 2723 are being implemented in the 2024 -2025 school year.
- HIM 1800C Health Information Simulation has been revised to include the front office experience that was covered in HIM 1253.
- HIM 2814C Coding Office Experience now includes 30 hours of experiential learning experience.
- New course sequence has been established with 3 coding courses moving to summer.
- The rest of the courses are being placed in a structured order and the program can be completed in 2 years.
- We are implementing an online program application in May, pending approval for application fees.
- The application will allow us to track students pursuing the degree or just taking select courses as electives and the ability to collect data for statistics.
- There is not an application deadline, but the students must follow the college calendar for enrollment. Students can start in the fall or spring.
- We hope to have the webpage and the handbook updated soon.
- Domain 4 – revenue cycle course needs to be addressed. We are working on selecting new textbooks to cover the required competencies for the course. We also will be using textbook bundles to include AHIMA VLab.

Bachelors of Applied Science Health Informatics Data Management

- Advisory Board Survey results shows that there is agreement for a new Bachelors in Science in Informatics.
- We are establishing a Bachelors of Science degree which is a completion degree for all of our health profession programs and it has a specialty track for Health Data and Informatics along with a CCC in Cancer Registry.

Surveys

- Environment survey was sent out to the employers inquiring on what they are looking for in an employee.
- We will also send out surveys to the students in the near future asking if they would be interested in completing a BS degree at FSW.
- Julie Pursley inquired about our strategy for reaching employers and several of our advisory board members are employees. This was discussed, and we may need to contact the HR department at various organizations for feedback. We will also use our current connections and will reach out to them personally.

Employment Opportunities

- It has been reported there is a 28% growth in job openings in Florida for Medical and Health Service Managers.
- Michelle Dalrymple inquired if we are examining (remote work) living in one location and working in another. Dr. Foster explained that it is possible with remote work. However, even though the courses are online, out of state students must pay the higher tuition.
- Therese Mayhew stated that Lee Health always looks at the FSW interns for employees and hired one in December, and the graduate exceeds their expectations. Lee Health will hire them as PRN and move them into full time or assist them in finding a position of greater interest.
- Susan stated that Therese and Ann were given a score of 5 on the student evaluations for preceptors.
- Ryan Gosselin stated that the more opportunities in cancer registry education the better they can staff that department.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm. The next meeting will take place in the fall on campus.

Respectively submitted by:
Tamra Pacheco, Coordinator School of Health Professions