

Council for Allied Health in North Carolina
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

I. Welcome, Introductions & Roll Call – Steve Thomas

Council members and guests

UNC General Administration Site

1. Alisa Debnam
 2. Lee K. McLean
 3. Steve Thomas
 4. Sam Clark
 5. Dee Daley
 6. Marsha Hagen
 7. Amy Vega
 8. Diane Henson
 9. Jim Sadler
 10. Alan Brown
 11. Becky Slifkin
 12. Jessica Carpenter
 13. Sue Chang
 14. Brenda Mitchell
- East Carolina University
1. Paula Gribble
 2. Dawn ?
- North Carolina Community College Systems Office
1. Renee Batts
 2. Kathy Heilig
- UNC-Asheville
1. Margaret Ottofy, CMA
 2. Rosalyn Wasserman, PT, DPT
- UNC-Charlotte
1. Ruth Hedgpeth, CPCC
 2. Julie Covington, Charlotte AHEC
 3. Allison Burfield, UNC Charlotte
 4. Amy Barsanti, UNC Charlotte
 5. Karen Schmaling, UNC Charlotte
- UNC-Greensboro
1. Libby Haile, Greensboro AHEC
 2. Nedra Edwards Hines, Northwest AHEC
 3. Celia Hooper, Dean of the School of Health & Human Performance, UNCG
 4. Shelia May, GTCC Division Chair Health Sciences
 5. Lisa McDonald, UNCG
- Western Carolina University
1. Linda Sanford
- Winston Salem State University
1. Dr. Peggy Valentine

II. Approval of May 6, 2009 Minutes – Steve Thomas

III. Presentation: “Health Care Reform 101” – Becky Slifkin – Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research (*presentation attached and will posted on web site*)

- Slide 24 – Question : Lee McLean has anyone noted what is considered affordable? The biggest debate on the Hill is whether there should be a public option or not.
- Slide 29 – Links to sites of Foundations that are putting information and comparisons of the bills. Excellent Job. Robert Woods Foundation also allows you to sign up for their newsletter that provides excellent information.

IV. Presentation: Health Care Employment and the Current Economic Recession – Jessica Carpenter & Katie Gaul - Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research

- You can sign up for their listserv at www.shepscenter.unc.edu
- High # of vacancy rates. 2008 reported that hospitals had about 8000 vacancies most in nursing.
- CA, MI, OR, RI, SC, & ? had higher unemployment rates
- Peggy Valentine – www.NCHA.org work force report is available from 2004-2006. There is a link for the 2008 report

V. Business of the Council: Discussion and Action

- Update & Approval of Operating Guidelines
 - Motion to approve by Lee McLean and second.
 - Motion for the amendment and second. (approved as worded)
 - Changes made
 1. Removed the categories
 2. Expanding the Executive Committee
- Budget Update
 - Alan Brown – 2009-10 \$64,450 (does not include workforce studies) \$3000 to the good never filled the Assistant position. Starting 2nd fiscal year we now 5 members with a commitment for the 3 year period.
- FAQ Presentation
- What are the levels of giving?
 - There are no levels of giving but if you would like to discuss this, we can.

VI. Executive Directors Report – Alisa Debnam

- November meeting will have presenter talk about Health Force Information Technology and Medical Homes.
- If you have any recommendations about speakers please let us know.
- Meeting Space – Guidelines have changed: We are no longer able to reserve the GA for a year at a time. Could we please come up with suggestions of meeting spaces? Renee Batts, MCNC, will check to see if their room is available on future dates. In November, we will have to end at 11:50am due to an incoming meeting.
- Association Presidents’ Survey Results – 18 associations participated.
 - Most indicated they attended one meeting per year (President’s meeting).

- Request changing the format of the May meeting.
- Respondent enjoyed the opportunity to network.
- Valuable resource to the State.
- Very positive overall response
- Increase visibility and market studies better.
- Strengths: Workforce studies, bi-monthly speakers, newspaper inserts, updated information emailed between meetings.
- Weaknesses: Long-term funding, allowing associations to join that are not in allied health arena. Questions about the group structure – no longer.
- Whom is the organization accountable to? To its members.
- Would like to do this survey annually via a computer survey.
- Workforce Studies – we have half of the funding. Plan- identify funding for the remaining part. Total cost ~ \$70,000. Format 10 disciplines. **ACTION:** Send Alisa your written testimonials on how these studies have benefitted you or your organization.
- Newspaper Inserts
 - Previous employees that the Council worked with are no longer employed there at the newspapers due to downsizing.
 - Newspaper Insert Guidelines –
 - ◆ Keep to 250-1000 wds.
 - ◆ September 25 DEADLINE for submission.
 - ◆ October 12 – deadline for purchasing of Ads
 - ◆ November 1-7 Allied Health Week. November 1st Sunday (Ads will run)

VII. Round Robin

- UNCG
- ECU
- NC Community College System Office
- Charlotte
- Greensboro – New Online health studies program started this Fall. Speech Language Pathology telepractice program is booming
- Western Carolina
- Winston-Salem State – developing pipeline document. **ACTION:** Please send the document so that we can post information on website..

- UNCA – mediating affiliation agreements (consensus statements) (articulation agreements btw Community colleges and Universities. BS degree in HealthCare Management.

VIII. Announcements

- **Next Council Meeting – November 4, 2009, General Administration Building**
Meeting Adjourned at 12:18pm