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MEDICATION TECHNICIAN PILOT STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Hunter Perry, Chair
Kathleen Collins-Pagels, AzHCA
Helen Houser, Phoenix College
Anamarie McNeese, RN
Jo A. Podjaski, Sun Health
Debra Piluri, AZDHS
Cheryl Roat, Grand Canyon University
Christine Walker, Kachina Point

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jane Black, SoAZ Nurses Assoc.
John Durbin, Alzheimer's Assoc
Betty Earp, Mesa Community College
Patt Rehn, AzNA
Dean Wright, Pharm Board

GUESTS PRESENT

Cynthia Corpe, Kachina Point
Paul Dorrance, D&S, telephonically
Phyllis Jordan, telephonically
Julie Gordon, AzAHA
Mirrabelle Kenton, Copper Mountain
Barbara King, Shadow Mountain
Julie Lunt, telephonically
Paula Mitchell, telephonically
Marie Montion, telephonically
Veda Pike, Copper Mountain
Richard Sterling, Silver Ridge Village
Debbie Thurston, telephonically
Karen Truett, telephonically
Regina Tutor, Silver Ridge Village

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Pamela Randolph, Education Consultant

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL MINUTES

The Certified Medication Technician Pilot Study Steering Committee was called to order by M. Hunter Perry at 9:36 a.m.

Houser moved and Collins-Pagels seconded to approve the September 26, 2006 minutes without correction.

II. OVERALL PROGRESS REPORT

A. Pilot Facility Reports

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that there are four facilities conducting training. Good Shepherd has completed instruction. Shadow Mountain has not yet started training due to loss of instructors. Pilot facility representatives were asked to report on the progress of the pilot study medication technician training, and offered the following:

Copper Mountain will complete training for two students. Instructors noted student feedback that suggested the course work went too quickly. Randolph stated that instructors may slow instruction down to accommodate students. Copper Mountain plans to begin another class in the spring.

Heritage Healthcare began with four students, and has one student completing the program. There are plans to start another training class in the spring. Heritage Healthcare noted that students in nursing programs or assigned to additional duties found it difficult to keep up with the medication technician training course and subsequently dropped out.

Silver Ridge Village trained 13 technicians, eleven of whom have completed testing. Program representatives and pilot facility medication technicians shared their experiences.

Mountain View Care Center is ready to begin a course. Four to six students are estimated to be enrolled.

Pilot facility medication technicians present offered the following:

- The program has been informative;
- Students have learned a lot;
- It would be beneficial to add more detail to pharmaceutical class study;
- Program could be more organized;
- Students found the program challenging. Some found mathematics more challenging than other content.

B. Train-the-Trainer (March 1-2, 2007)

Randolph stated that medication technician instructor training will be held March 1-2, 2007. Nurses that need to be trained as medication technician instructors should attend. The course will be offered to others who wish to have the experience and this education as a foundation for CNA education.

C. Testing Update

Paul Dorrance from D&S Diversified Technologies reported that no students had been tested since the last meeting.

III. COMPONENTS OF SATISFACTION SURVEY

A. Elements in Focus Group

(See Below)

B. Measurement of Satisfaction

Randolph stated that no conclusion was reached at the last meeting regarding advising D and S Diversified Technology on measures of satisfaction requested in the RFP. Jill Scott-Cawiezell suggested that a subcommittee or focus group be formed to take a look at exactly what the Committee wants to see in the satisfaction survey. The following persons will participate in the subcommittee: Kathleen Collins-Pagels, Paul Dorrance, Helen Houser, Pamela Randolph, and Jill Scott-Cawiezell.

IV. REVIEW OF TIMELINE

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that the following items were added to the timeline: November 2006 four of the six facilities have begun their program; another training will be held in March; by April all of the pilot facilities will have trained or will be training technicians; analysis and report to the Board will be in June. Randolph stated that reporting to the legislature is well within the existing timeframe.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no call to the public.

VI. FUTURE TOPICS – DEBRIEFING

The satisfaction subcommittee will schedule a meeting in January and report to the Committee at the next scheduled meeting. Pilot facilities will provide updates at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Houser moved and Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Minutes Approved by: 
Pamela Randolph, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant/Education

11/21/06
Date