KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE - COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAMS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

March 14, 2018; ROOM B-1234; 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**In Attendance**

Committee Members Present:

Beth Bellott—Owner, Operations Manager, Elements Massage Geneva

Jim Edwards—Owner, DNA Holistic Center of Sycamore

Julie Gavin-Freeman—LMT and Head Instructor School of Holistic Massage and Reflexology and KC Adjunct

Mike Hendershott –Owner, Hand & Stone Geneva

Jane Lavinsky—Owner, Studio One in DeKalb

Leila MacQueen—Owner, Circle of Wellness in Rockford

Linda Sherman—Director, Resident Program, Oak Crest

Teresa Wennmacher, Clinic Administrator, Massage Envy Rockford

Kishwaukee College (KC) Presence:

Leslie Ciaccio—Complementary Health Programs Coordinator, KC

Bette Chilton—Dean of Health and Education, KC

Bill Nicklas, Executive Director, Foundation KC

**Welcome and Introductions**

Those in attendance introduced themselves and Leslie thanked everyone for their time and expressed the value of their guidance in shaping the future of the Complementary Health Programs. The Kishwaukee College 2017 Annual Report to the Community was handed out to each committee member.

**Curriculum**

There have been no curricular changes.

The program will be offering 3 or 4 new online courses in the 18/19 school year.

Proficiency credit will now be available for Illinois licensed Massage Therapists and Estheticians seeking dual licensure.

Illinois Licensed Massage Therapists who would like to enter the Kishwaukee College Esthetics program, may apply for proficiency credit in the TPM 112 (5 credits), TPM 109 (2 credits) and the TPM 124 (3 credits). Credit in these courses will be awarded after completing 15 hours at Kishwaukee College.

Illinois licensed Estheticians who would like to enter the Kishwaukee College Massage Therapy program, may apply for proficiency credit in the TPM 112 (5 credits), TPM 109 (2 credits) and the TPM 124 (3 credits). Credit in these courses will be awarded after completing 15 hours at Kishwaukee College.

**Update on Programs**

The Therapeutic Massage program is a 648-hour /30 credit hour program. The Esthetics Program is a 760-hour/33 credit hour program.

The Therapeutic Massage program currently has 7 regular track students. Last year there were 11 regular track students and four fast-track students. The Introduction to massage course for Spring 2018 is filled. It has 17 students enrolled. The Esthetics program is not running this year due to low enrollment, however 10 students have expressed interest in joining the fall cohort.

The KEC Dual-Credit class is going well with 14 students enrolled. High school students are able to take the Intro to Massage, Intro to Esthetics, and First Aid to obtain both high school and college credit. The KEC Administration states that next year’s enrollment looks to be up.

Julie Gavin-Freeman, Therapeutic Massage Instructor informed the committee about current CE offerings. Leslie will ask Melissa Gallagher to forward information to committee members.

The Student and Graduate clinical has been running smoothly here on campus. 1 student goes to Oak Crest every other week and works one on one with an instructor in the health care setting.

**Industry Needs**

Members indicated that there is still a strong demand for Massage Therapists in our area. Kishwaukee College is in step with trends in the field and is teaching the right subjects.

**Externships**

The members discussed externships. Leslie stated that this summer she would like to include a requirement where the students would choose one type of business (hospital, clinic or spa) and go there for job shadowing for approximately 3-5 hours.

**Employer Panel**

Leslie stated that Advisory Committee members will be invited to an employer panel in the summer of 2019, just before the students graduate. This will be an opportunity for the students to ask all employers questions at the same time and employers may also get to know the graduates individually. Panel date will be emailed to the employers ASAP.

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, November 6, 2018 from 9:00am-10:30am