



Complementary Health Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: October 14, 2026

External Participants:

Chrystal Ciodyk – Owner, Chrystal Clinic
Sarah Rodarte – Owner, Baseline Bodyworks
Beth Pertl – Owner, Elements Massage
Olivia Cardona – Regional Manager, Hand and Stone

Internal Participants:

Angie Delmont – Interim Dean of Health Sciences, Director of Nursing
Leslie Ciaccio – Coordinator, Complementary Health Programs
Laura Gregory - Employment & Job Placement Services Coordinator
Kim Morgan – Instructor, Therapeutic Massage/Esthetics
Courtney Walz - Director of Development
Brett Williams – Director of Grants
Abby Gould - Director, Academic Advising & Transfer Services

- I. College Updates
 - A. Academic Year Updates
 - i. Enrollment: Overall enrollment is down 1.7%; Health Science enrollment is up 7%.
 - B. Upcoming Events
 - i. October 15: Health Science & Career Program Open House
 - ii. November 5: Evening at Kish, including the Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting
 - C. FY27 College Goals
 - i. Student Outcomes: Revising outcomes to emphasize essential employability skills across all courses.
 - ii. Spring 2027 Joint Advisory Committee Meeting: Opportunity to discuss workforce needs and skills employers are seeking.
 - D. Digital Badging: College is exploring digital badges to document student skills.
 - E. Rural Healthcare Grants
 - i. ROOTS grant: Strengthening partnerships and clinical relationships with rural healthcare providers.
 - ii. REACH grant: Expanding healthcare education and workforce opportunities in rural communities.
 - a. Grant funding may support development of new respiratory therapy program - goal to launch in August 2028.

II. Program Updates

A. Program Enrollment

- i. 10 students are currently enrolled in the Esthetics program and graduate in May 2027. This is an increase from 6 graduates in 2025.
- ii. 11 students are currently enrolled in the Therapeutic Massage program and graduate in August 2027. This is an increase from 6 graduates in 2026.

B. Curriculum Updates

- i. Esthetics and Therapeutic Massage program descriptions are being revised to improve clarity.
- ii. These revisions will be presented to the College Curriculum Committee in November before being submitted to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB).

C. Clinic Update

- i. Esthetics clinic will begin on October 20 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ii. The Therapeutic massage clinic opens on January 16, 2027, with appointments on Saturday mornings.

D. Continuing Education Classes

- i. Illinois License Renewals
 1. Massage Therapists: Licenses expire on December 31, 2026
 - a. Pregnancy Massage will be offered in October 2026
 2. Estheticians: Licenses expire on September 30, 2027
- ii. Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Education Requirement
 1. Effective 1/1/2026 all new and renewing licensees in the beauty and related fields must complete training on recognizing abnormal skin growths, such as melanoma.

III. Partner Updates

A. Employment Outlook/Labor Market Data

- i. Massage – Rodarte, Baseline Bodyworks shared they are hiring for sports massage and therapeutic work. She is finding a disconnect with those areas.
- ii. Esthetics – Pertl, Elements Massage is anticipating hiring at the beginning of 2027.

B. Trends in the Field

- i. Ciodyk, Chrystal Clinic and Pertl, Elements Massage noted that stretch therapy is gaining popularity.
- ii. Rodarte, Baseline Bodyworks reported increased demand for therapeutic massage and acupuncture.
- iii. All partners agreed that sports massage remains a needed area of focus.