

Advisory Committee Interview Notes
DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 16, 2011

The CTECC interviewed Division Dean, Sheryl Berman; Lane Advisory Committee Coordinators and Faculty, Sharon Hagan and Leslie Greer; Community Advisory Committee Chairs, Marquita Corliss RDH LAP with Community Health Centers of Lane County and Dr. Terri Baarstad with Private Dental Practice.

1) Committee Accomplishments: **Meets Expectations**

There are currently 12 members, with 5 from Lane, some from outreach sites. The members are not working independently, but collaboratively. They have an integrated model with different levels of training. Committee members help with opportunities for students. Most of the faculty and participating dentists are also the committee members. Though some members are from distant sites they have more participation than local members. And the committee appreciates other community members' perspectives.

2) Committee Involvement in Planning and Design: **Meets Expectations** (Could benefit from outside representation)

The members help find out industry needs and are communicating with the program. They watch legislation trend and changes in the workforce. Mid-level providers are a new trend for limited access hygienists & dental therapists.

3) Gender, Disability Adaptation, and Diversity: **Meets Expectations**

The program enrollment is mostly female students.

4) Program Demand / Enrollment: **Excellent**

With many prerequisites the 2 year program is really 3 years. The curriculum is now on-line rather than in the classroom, so they can conduct the program at other distance sites. They have 5 students from LBC at Lynn Benton and more at UCC at Umpqua Community Health Center, as well as Lewiston, Idaho and other schools. Three of the faculty are at other sites. The program has HIV positive stations providing services to 5 counties. It's a very productive program. Students have to do 25 services for restoration. The program provides skills for students and services for patients. The clinic and program provides opportunities for Hygiene & Assisting to collaborate and integrate together.

Tuition is \$14,000-\$16,000 for one year and \$32,000 for two years. UCC has a couple of \$1,000 scholarships they offer, and LCC has an endowment.

5) Placement / Employment: **Meets Expectations**

There is the potential for more employment with limited access hygienist permits. The Hygienist License costs \$2,300. Students are very prepared for employment.

There are more hygienists than jobs to fill. Hygienists are looking for more public health opportunities, and proactively creating their own jobs. The Profession is changing and expanding the scope of skills.

6) Secondary / Postsecondary Connections: **Meets Expectations**

They conduct presentations to adolescence to promote the program as well as higher education, and participate in Lane Preview Night.

7) Questions for the CTECC Interview Committee:

CTECC Comments:

Coordinating the logistics of central and outreach sites is impressive. Their committee is mostly staff, and could benefit from outside representation.