

**Allied Health Council
Presidents' Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2002
Friday Center
9:00AM – 12:00PM**

Attendees:

Dr. Tom Bacon, North Carolina AHEC, Council Chair
Mr. Alan Brown, NC AHEC Program
Mr. Bill Croft, NC Society for Respiratory Care
Ms. Carolyn Cusic, NC Association for Home Care & Hospice
Ms. Debbie Durham, Allied Health Professional Representative
Ms. Erin Fraher, NC Sheps Center
Dr. Algie Gatewood, NC State Education Assistance Authority
Dr. Moses Goldmon, NC Health Careers Access Program
Ms. Polly Godwin Welsh, NC Health Care Facilities Association
Ms. Kathy Heilig, NC Hospital Association
Ms. Pam Horton, Wake Technical Community College
Cassina Hunt, Health Information Management Services
Ms. Elizabeth Isler, NC Community College System
Ms. Karen Luken, Allied Health Professional Representative
Lee McLean, UNC System Allied Health Programs
Ms. Brenda Mitchell, Allied Health Sciences
Marge Ottofy, Allied Health Professional Representative
Dr. Patricia B. Porter, Dept. of Health & Human Services
Dr. Elizabeth Rogers, Independent Colleges and Universities of NC
Ms. Jane Rourk, NC Dept of Public Instruction
Dr. Darlene Sekerak, Allied Health Professional Representative
Dr. Patricia Shoemaker, Davidson County Community College
Mr. Tom Tucker, NC Office of Research, Demonstrations & Rural Health Development
Mr. Robert Weaver, Charlotte AHEC
Mr. Robert Weaver, NC Office of Research, Demonstration & Rural Health Development
Ms. Terita Williams. (Staff) UNC Dept. of Allied Health Sciences

Presidents:

David Lewis, NC Physicians Asst. Assn.
David Wysocki, NC Occupational Therapy Assn.
Eileen Watkins, NC Physical Therapy Assn.
Martha Taylor, NC Dental Hygiene Assn.
Michael Holder, NC Recreation Therapy Assn.
Susan Richmond, NC Health Information Management Assn.
Donna Morgan, NC Society of Clinical Laboratory Science
Ruth Durham, NC Society of Medical Assistants
Libby Haile – representing Carolyn Taylor, Blue Ridge Clinical Laboratory Managers Assn.

Guest

Dr. Carolyn Mayo, SLP Representative
Ms. Debbie Ramey, Eastern AHEC
Ms. Natalie Edwards, Eastern AHEC
Ms. Libby Haile, Greensboro AHEC
Ms. Allison Bordeaux, Wake AHEC
Phyllis Farlow, NC AHEC Program
Amy Vega, SR AHEC
Keith McCullough, NC HCAP
Susan Dyson, Sheps Center
Nancy Simpson, NW AHEC

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2002 accepted and approved.

Presentations

Healthcare Issues in NC – Leah Devin, DDS, MPH, NC State Health Director.

In Dr. Devlin's presentation, she covered several items:

System fix

Immunizations

Medicaid

Partnership/Collaborations

Initiatives

Healthy Carolinians

Council Updates

Duke Endowment Grant

Budget - \$400,000 Total

\$150,000 First year

\$150,000 Second Year

\$100,000 Third year

Director Search

We have received twenty-three applications for the Executive Director position. We are waiting for approval to proceed in the application process.

Data Committee Report – Alan Brown

Ms. Susan Dyson was introduced and welcomed as a new member to the Sheps Center.

SLP Update – Carolyn Mayo & Marianna Newton (Handout Attached)

HIM Update – Cassina Hunt (Handout Attached)

NC Access Recruitment and Retention – Moses Goldmon (Rescheduled to May 1st meeting)

Updates from Allied Health Association Presidents

David Lewis, NC Physicians Asst. Assn.

Celebrated their 25th year. State Health has 4 PA programs. All programs offer Master's degree. Receive a 3-year grant with Duke to have an offsite Internet program in an effort to reach rural areas.

David Wysocki, NC Occupational Therapy Assn. (Handout)

Eileen Watkins, NC Physical Therapy Assn.

Reelected for another 3 years. There has been a decline across the State both at the private

institutions, and at the State level for physical therapy programs for PT students, and a decline at the community level for PTA students. Introduce a bill on the National level across the US, to have direct access to Medicare.

Martha Taylor, NC Dental Hygiene Assn.

Michael Holder, NC Recreation Therapy Assn. (Handout)

Susan Richmond, NC Health Information Management Assn.

Strategic priorities for 2002

Workforce

Increase student enrollment in academic programs

Offering new coding and privacy credentials

Plans to target non-traditional prospective students and research projects, such as; the NC Study on Workforce issues.

Membership

Consistent growth rate of approximately 3%

Increased enrollment of online students

Donna Morgan, NC Society of Clinical Laboratory Science

Ruth Durham, NC Society of Medical Assistants

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Association Presidents meet as needed to elect Council representatives.