

**Michigan Center for Health Professions Advisory Board and the  
Michigan Center for Health Professions Higher Education Council Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2007**  
**10:00AM –1:00PM**

Members in Attendance: Clark Ballard, Monica Balderson, Matt Chambers, Becky Cienki, Steve Creamer, Kathy Doig, Vicki Enright, Lisa Feighner, Fiona Hert, Dan Knue, Denise Oleske, Roberta Peterson, Carol Parker Lee, Jane Powers, Peter Pratt, Anne Rosewarne, Claire Saadeh, Elizabeth Schnettler, Jeff Schulz, Khadija Swims, Jane Toot, Ron Watezman, and Anne Wilson.

- I. Anne Rosewarne called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes from November 15, 2006 were approved for both groups.
- III. Clinical Placement Discussions Jane Toot
  - a. Development of a statewide system
  - b. Employers charging for placements. Discussion centered on the GVSU Physician Assistant (PA) program being asked for \$100 per student for clinical placements which will make schools costs to go up not down. The response from the schools is that they do not want to begin to pay in Michigan like they do in other states. Perk program may be a solution (to allow use of library, etc). This issue may be an isolated case. Partnerships, collaboration and communication are needed. It was decided to send a letter of concern to MHA.
- IV. Focus group of college students from Lansing Community College with Carly Eldridge (MHC employee and new Michigan State University graduate). The LCC students included Deric Ramsey, Sarah Field and William Richardson. Discussion topics included:
  - Q: What factors made you choose the program or school you attended?
  - A: Careers that looked like they would fit best. Financial issues. Good transfer opportunities to 4-year school. (One student was a former Marine – GI Bill helped).
  - Q: Did you have any idea what career to choose growing up?
  - A: One wanted to be a teacher, some guided by career testing, some wanted more direction.
  - Q: Has anyone spoken to you about Healthcare?
  - A: No (from all candidates.)
  - Q: What is the deal with counselors?
  - A: They try but it is up you. They have hundreds of students per counselor and end up addressing problems and social issues. There is no guidance. If they talked to you more it would help. Some felt they have the knowledge but not the time.
  - Q: Did you have the opportunity to volunteer/ job shadow or do community service during high school?
  - A: The program was a joke – students basically got a ½ day off. Some stated that Career Center was lacking. Some worked part-time jobs at retail establishments.
  - Q: How important is networking?
  - A: Huge! It offers security and confidence. You trust your friends. It is very powerful.

Q: If there was a voluntary program to take a career interest test, what grade should it be offered?

A: Freshman in High School and offer it sophomore year to compare. One participant said at age 8-10. The former Marine mentioned the ASVAB test offered by the military to determine skills. All thought more should be done at the junior high level to give students information to explore programs.

Q: What is a good salary after college graduation?

A: \$30,000. \$40,000. Mid-\$60's. \$35-40,000

Q: What is a good salary after 20-years after college graduation?

A: \$50,000. \$60,000. Mid-\$80's. \$60-70,000

Q: Do you plan on staying in Michigan after college graduation?

A: Yes from three of the panelists. One said no - better job opportunities out of state. The costs of living in Michigan and lifestyle issues were very important to panelists. Some talked about the need for realistic preparation. Wished they had more speakers in high school or opportunities to learn about careers available.

V. Spring 2007 Regional Meetings

VI. Reports

- a. Center for Nursing. The "Nursing in Michigan: It's a Guy Thing Too!" poster is being finalized and available soon. The Spring 2007 Institute of Nursing Excellence applications are available. The Michigan Nursing Summit is being planned for August 9-10, 2007 at the Ritz Carlton.
- b. Michigan Healthcare Workforce Center update from Steve Creamer. Steve mentioned that Governor Granholm would like a patient safety center to be a clearinghouse for information. A pain management website with information is being considered.
- c. The Health Passport would include online learning of HIPPA, OSHA and blood borne pathogens. At the end of the instructional period, there would be a participant coded proficiency test to ensure that the student mastered the material. Employers and educators would then enter the student in a password-coded database that could be accessed by participating members. Claire Saadeh may speak about Ferris' passport at the next meeting.

VII. Report on progress of inventory/annotated bibliography. Peter Pratt of Public Sector Consultants Inc. (PSC) shared the inventory of sources or an annotated bibliography of information from health professions has been finalized and added to the Michigan Center for Health Professions website ([www.mhc.org](http://www.mhc.org)). We would like this to be a living document so please send us any additions.

VIII. Update on licensure surveys of Pharmacists, Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Physicians by Peter Pratt. Surveys are being finalized.

IX. Review Legislative Information Piece

X. Adjournment

**Future Meeting Dates: March 21, 2007 10a – 1p another combined meeting**