

Kennebec Valley Community College
Associates of Applied Science in Mental Health
Advisory Board Meeting

August 27, 2014
229 Averill – 4pm – 6pm

AGENDA

Welcome

- Introductions
- Review of the Agenda

Presentation on the Mental Health Program

- Dr. Mark Kavanaugh, Department Chair and Program Coordinator
 - Current Labor Statistics
 - Program Information
 - Program Status
 - Program News
 - Initiatives
 - Role of the Advisory Board

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

Advisory Board Open Discussion

- Transfer Opportunities (UMA and UM)
- Course and Program Access (online, face to face, other initiatives)
- Competencies in the Workplace (How do we gather this information?)
- Is the curriculum current?
- Trends in the field?
- Partnerships?

Establish Expectations for the next Advisory Board Meeting

- Schedule
- Communication and Information (KVCC Mental Health Website)

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussions	Action
Meeting began with introductions.	<p>Those present included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mark Kavanaugh, Program Coordinator • Kathryn Trask, Admissions, University of Maine at Augusta • Dr. Gail Werrbach, Social Work, University of Maine • Edward Lachowicz, MHRT-C, former student in the MHT program. • Stephanie Hawkins, current student in the MHT program 	
Presentation	<p>Mark Kavanaugh did a short presentation on the current status of the program.</p> <p>The presentation outlined projections for employment for MHRT-Cs and for LSWs. The rotation of course offerings was covered and upcoming initiatives were discussed.</p> <p>Specific programs related to the grant we are applying for were discussed (see presentation)</p>	
Discussion	<p>Since the representatives of the two major transfer institutions were present, the discussion focused on clarifying transfer opportunities for students who wish to pursue a Bachelors degree from either UMA or UM.</p> <p>Ed Lachowicz discussed his personal experience with transferring to UM. Expectations at UM for a class on Inequality (as a possible replacement for the option in the Mental Health program for Social Problems or Abnormal Psychology) were discussed as were a possible replacement of the English Literature class</p>	<p>Mark K will schedule a meeting with Dr. Werrbach to discuss clarifications in the advising guide for students who wish to transfer from KV's Mental Health program into UM's Social Work program.</p> <p>They will also discuss possible changes to the KV curriculum that would better match expectations for students entering into the Social Work program.</p> <p>UM has a requirement for a writing intensive class. Possible use of KV's Professional Writing or Writing</p>

	with a “writing intensive” class such as KV’s Professional Writing or Writing for the Sciences class.	for the Sciences will be explored with the English Department at UM. Mark K will schedule a meeting with Kathryn Trask to discuss articulating an advising guide for students who are interested in the Substance Abuse track at UMA
Data Tracking	Mark K expressed a desire to develop a way to track how well students at KV are doing at the transfer institutions. The purpose of this is to explore how well KV prepares students.	Both UMA and UM expressed that this was a great idea but the logistics are challenging and will need to be explored.
Future Meetings	No specific date was set for the next Advisory Board meeting.	Follow up with the individual campuses (and the agency representatives that were not at the meeting) may bring about the necessity for another Advisory Board meeting focused on agencies.