



**Allied Dental Education  
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
9:00-10:00AM  
Thursday, October 19, 2023  
Via Zoom & In-person**

**Advisory Committee meets with Commission on Dental  
Accreditation(CODA) Site Examiners**

**Members Present:**

Mark Frey, Darin Schettler, Kailena Coletti de Alcuaz, Gwen Essex, Cathy Ferland, Kathy Kane, Jessica Mitchell, Katrina Morris

**Members Absent:**

Anthony Fernandez, Jessica Chen, Jessica Wong, Christine Ford

The primary purpose of the advisory committee is to assist and provide recommendations to the district in establishing, operating, and evaluating programs that serve the needs of students, business, and industry and to provide expertise pertaining to technological and subject matter changes. The advisory committee provides a mutual exchange of information for program improvement.

- **DHI Fall 2023 Demographics & Enrollment** Cindy F.  
DHI has a full class, 24 students, 1 M and 23F- Majority age are 24-29, 14 of the 24 are planning on staying in Sonoma County after graduation, the remaining in Mendocino, Napa, and Solano Counties. We have had no students drop since the semester started
- **DA Fall 2023 Demographics & Enrollment** Jennifer P 22 DA students accepted, 21 started and are currently in the cohort with 20 females and 1 male. Age range 23 and under=19; 24-29=1 and 40 and over=1. County of residence Sonoma=15; Lake=1; Marin=1; Napa=3; and 1 unspecified. Previous dental office experience 1 student reported she worked as a sterilization assistant for 6 months and 1 was a dental office receptionist for 10 years .  
County of residence after enrollment Sonoma=16; Lake=1 Marin=1; Napa=2; and unspecified=1
- **Update on DH II progress** Jennifer A-K.  
DH2 update: 24 students(still a full class). School-based rotations are off to a great start, many referrals given for restorative needs. Good variety of patients are being seen in the clinic. There is a local DDS that has been referring a lot of patients to our clinic, that meet our students' needs for staging and grading requirements. The students are developing into wonderful clinicians.

## Discussion Items: Questions from the CODA Site Examiners

### **What does a typical agenda look like?**

Dr. Frey discussed how we meet twice a year in spring and in fall. We go over notes from previous meetings. We talk about the programs, students, the incoming classes, and graduates. We also discuss the needs from the community as well as feedback from public and private sectors, training that may be needed and how dentistry has evolved in the field with new technologies and softwares. We go over questions from faculty and what we can do to accomplish in the community and address new legislation.

### **Are you familiar with program goals? and asked to review**

Mark Frey responded with yes, for example the total local graduates and the demand. We try to get as many local candidates as possible. He mentioned the restrictions and branching out to underserved communities. It was also mentioned that our goal is to have a good success rate on board/pass rates, quality of program and meeting the needs of students, which we do a very well at. He knows personally many graduates that come out of the program that are very well trained and we all agreed we enjoy having graduates on board in our practices.

### **Have you hired graduates?**

Unanimous yes, from Dr. Frey, Dr. Schettler, Kailena de Alcuaz, Trina Morris.

### **Have you been shown the curriculum and program improvements?**

Jessica Mitchel: She said the curriculum prepared her for extended functions in her field and noticed how interns and training from graduates are great.

Katrina Morris: Noted interns have improved and faculty and clinical teams as well. She graduated in 2011.

Kailena de Alcuaz: Hired last 2 years of interns and skill level is higher than those that have gone a different route.

Dr. Frey: There is a difference in quality with the students that have come out of the program and do very well.

### **Can anyone share any recommendation or opinion or input that you share w/in the board:**

Dr. Frey mentioned we discuss Equipment, software, transitioning to digital x-rays. We also make recommendations that help students when they get into the work force. We also give suggestions to the board in practice that gets relayed to Cindy to incorporate into teaching.

### **Do we promote the programs w/in the community?**

Dr. Frey responded that he does to his younger patients. He even has a sign in his office to patients to promote the program in case there is some interest.

Kathy Cane works with social services and has talked about it with people within and promoted it for career opportunities.

Gwen Essix: has a different perspective on social justice issues and raising issues on this form and helps keep an eye on the community and shares that which is helpful

Kathy Ferland: nurse, connection w/ the dental program through Jennifer and helps coordinate dental clinics, which have been hugely beneficial for school students and for the SRJC hygiene students and working in their community. It is a positive collaboration w/ the SRJC program. Guerneville school 27 students had cleaning and had 15 referral from that.

### **Anything anyone would like to share about program or service?**

Dr. Frey said it has been a real gem for our community and all the health science programs: RDA, RDH, Nursing, etc.. We are always out in the community, happy to have graduates, happy to have interns, and very happy w/ the results. Important to have the program to help be a part of the community and greater good.

Dean's Report – Tammy S. **Thank-you to all who came to our Health Science Open House in August.**

**SAVE THE DATE – NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - October 2, 2024**