

Minutes of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: November 7, 2023

Time: 2 – 4 p.m.

Place: – SRJC – Race Building Conference Room and Online Video Meeting via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Julie Kessinger, Sonoma Valley Hospital
Ryan Curzon, Marin General Hospital
Tara Flinn, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital
Patti Smithson, Sutter Lakeside Hospital

Members Attending as Proxy:

Members Absence:

Laura Pierce, Kaiser Permanente Santa Rosa
Cathy Sahl-Diego, Sutter Novato Hospital

Faculty, Staff and Administrators in Attendance:

Tammy Alander, RT Program Director
Christine McLarty, Instructor/Coordinator
Joanne Robertson, Associate Faculty
Janet McCann, Associate Faculty
Tammy Sakanashi, Dean of Health Sciences

Invited Guests:

Jo Bowa, Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital
Troy VanPatten, Adventist Health Howard Memorial
Geoff Navarro, SRJC Counseling
Vince Hamilton, SRJC Counseling
Megan Rhodes, Job Developer, Career/Technical/Educ/Econ/Dev

Was there a quorum? Yes No

1. **Call to Order:** Tammy A. called the meeting to order at 1405 hours.
2. **Welcome/Introductions:** Each attendee introduced themselves in turn.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** – M – Joanne Robertson – S – Ryan Curzon. Unanimous approval.
4. **Announcements:**
 - a. Review of program mission goals and objectives.
 - b. Application period is open 10/2/23 – 3/15/24. 18 applications received so far. These applications will use the new “points system” admission criteria. Tammy Alander encouraged anyone with questions about the process to contact her.
 - c. CDPH-RHB & JRCERT Reports – filed and approved. No corrections requested.
 - d. Outcomes Assessments in Radiation Protection – slight decline (0.2%) over 5 years which could be explained by the challenges of the recovery from fires and the pandemic.

- e. New Clinical Sites – Sutter Pacific Medical Foundation, Airway Dr. location recently approved. Will begin sending students there next semester. Redwood Orthopedics has students this semester.

5. Public Comments:

- a. Tara Flinn reported that the students at Memorial Hospital are all doing well. She is impressed with the changes made to the program in the past 2 years.
- b. Jo Bowa reported that the students at Sutter Santa Rosa are skilled and motivated. She spoke of Sutter's challenges with revisions to COVID policies and supervision policies. She was grateful that the SRJC Rad Tech program was patient and helpful in working through these challenges.
- c. Patti Smithson also commented on the quality of the students and how they are so comfortable with patients.
- d. Several mentioned that they were very happy with the new method of assigning volunteer students to clinical sites, instead of students contacting the sites directly.
- e. Several mentioned that they receive a lot of questions about the new application process.
- f. Geoff Navarro suggested that the counseling office may offer to help the Rad Tech Program present some application workshops to clarify the new process for students.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. CI Seminar – Held in Spring 2022. Tammy asked clinical partners to email her with possible dates for the next seminar.
- b. Health Sciences Open House – Held in August 2023. First time in 20 years. It was an opportunity to raise funds for all Health Science departments.
- c. Radiologic Technology Certification Committee (RTCC) Meeting – in Sacramento was attended by a majority of students in September 2023. Students were very professional and appreciated the opportunity to learn about how policies and regulations are developed at the state level for our profession.

7. New Business/Discussion:

- a. ARRT Pass rates and job placement rates – 17/19 graduates from the Class of 2023 passed the ARRT. All of those students are employed. Our pass rate is 89%. The national average is 83%. Several clinical partners expressed that they are very happy with the new grads that they have hired.
- b. Student issues and concerns:
 - Transport policy - Tammy Alander reminded everyone of our policy that students may not transport patients by gurney or wheelchair unless they are accompanied by qualified hospital staff.
 - Uniform policy – Tammy Alander reminded everyone that students must comply with the uniform policy and specifically, they may not wear sweatshirts over their uniforms. They should instead wear the white lab coat that is part of their uniform if they are cold. Several clinical partners suggested the students might be more comfortable wearing a more casual looking lab coat or jacket with the SRJC logo. Tammy Alander agreed to look into a different style and color of lab coat.

8. Updates:

- a. Medicolegal/Ethics Course – is in the approval process with the curriculum committee. This course will be 3 units and offered in the Spring of the student's first year.
- b. Trajecsys – this online platform is being adopted and will be implemented in the Fall of 2024. It will replace the clinical binders for recording competencies, time sheets and evaluations. It is anticipated that training for clinical sites will begin at the Clinical Seminar in the Spring of 2024.
- c. Dosimeters – The SRJC Rad Tech Program has changed vendors for its dosimeter service. We are now using Landauer instead of Instadose.
- d. Didactic and Clinical Site Updates – Tammy Alander and Christine McLarty reported that students are very motivated and have positive attitudes. There are still several who are genuinely struggling academically. They are hopeful that the new admission process will help admit more students who are academically prepared for the rigors of this program. Joanne Roberston reported that students are doing well at their clinical sites. They are motivated and responsible. She also stated that it is challenging to arrange meetings with Clinical Instructors due to their varied schedules.

10. Next Steps/Comments/Wrap Up:

- a. Next AC meeting to be held November 5th, 2024, (the first Tuesday in November), 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at SRJC.

11. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1513 hours.

Respectfully submitted: Christine McLarty, SRJC Coordinator/Instructor