

**BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 27, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Sandra Bowling called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and thanked all for their attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS

All in attendance introduced themselves:

Allen, Mary - Cantata, Director of Clinical Operations
Bowling, Sandra – Triton College, NAS Program Coordinator
Casey-Incardone, Mary - Triton College, Counselor
Gagliardi, Kayla - Triton College, Advisor
Harmon, Pamela - Triton College, Dean, Health Careers & Public Service Programs
Lasky, Eric - Ridgewood High School, Assistant Principal
Nystrom, Timothy - Triton College, Dual Credit Director
Ottaviano, Roxane - Triton College, NAS Adjunct
Rayburn, Antoinette - Proviso High Schools (PMSA), District Guidance Department Chair
Wurster, Sarah - Oak Park-River Forest High School, Post-Secondary Pathway Coordinator

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 10, 2019 were reviewed. Dean Harmon made a motion to approve them seconded by Timothy Nystrom, the minutes were approved.

NAS PROGRAM REPORT

Sandra reported that enrollment is low due to the COVID -19 Pandemic. Long-term care facilities are not allowing us to have our students at their sites. IDPH is being very lenient and as long as we cover skills with students, we are good.

Sandra stated that a new Veterans Administration building is being constructed near the Harlem/Irving Shopping plaza, and will share this information with the high schools. Coincidentally, today Triton Career Services is hosting a Career Fair to help publicize this event. Additionally, Dean Harmon is working with our Career Services Department which benefits our future enrollment.

Due to COVID-19, IDPH workers are working remotely, therefore we have not received our Nurse Aide Competency Results. Sandy has obtained a Study Guide test which helps students prepare for the State Exam. She said it is hoped that by January, Triton will start up with the computerized Nurse Aide testing in the Testing Center.

SUPPORT TEAM

Tim Nystrom reported this Fall semester has two sections of 24 High School Dual Credit students total, whereas normally 3 sections were filled, although he is feverishly working on the Spring semester. He mentioned he has a new Dual Credit Specialist, Brenda Guido working with him in his office.

COMMITTEE MEMBER
DISCUSSION

Sandra stated she has been working closely with Nursing Coordinator Geri Brewer to have the NAS Program be a pre-requisite to the ADN program. This partnership would definitely help increase NAS enrollment.

Dean Harmon requested a comparison with other community colleges and their NAS program credits. A review of changing NAS 100 and NAS 101 from 7 to 6 credits was discussed. Sandy and Roxanne reported that IDPH will not allow the Clinical hours to be reduced, however Lecture hours can be.

The comparison to other community colleges is as follows:

COD	6 hours
Harper	6 hours
Joliet Jr.	6 hours
Elgin	7 hours
Morton	7 hours
Oakton	8 hours
City Chicago	8 hours

Lastly, Dean Harmon mentioned a WEI2 grant that can assist EMS, Sterile Processing, and NAS students. She will share further details once she receives more clarification.

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy thanked all members once again for their participation and continued support.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Bowling
Basic Nurse Assistant Program Coordinator