

Student Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2008, 12:30 to 1:30
at Student Health and Counseling

Action Items:

1. **Charter:** Nick will talk to Sarah Andrews about requirements, logistics for submission. Laura will add signature lines, print out, and bring to February 8th forum for signatures.
2. **Student Forum:** Laura will send out e-mail to SHAC with location of student forum
3. **Contractual issues:** Mary Beth will talk with Cathy Sommerton about the contractual issues that are hampering the timetable of receiving bids from a variety of companies.

Attendance:

1. Mary Beth Collins, LCSW, SHAC Director
2. Laura DeGrace, Administrative Assistant
3. Nick Walden Poublon, Chair
4. Rafael Fernandez
5. Emerson Murphy-Hill
6. Kim Heidenreich

Not in Attendance:

1. Tamara Kennedy (RSVP'd)

- A. **Review previous minutes:** Minutes were approved.
- B. **Review charter:** approved charter. Will add signature lines and bring to Student Forum for signatures. Nick will also talk to Sarah Andrews to confirm specific requirements.
- C. **Discuss January 25th:**
 - 1) **Christi Ziegler:** Christi Ziegler met individually with Nick to discuss any questions and concerns he had. Mary Beth spoke with Dan Fortmiller about how the mandatory hard waiver option would be received by PSU Administration. Dan wants Mary Beth to write up a summary which he will take to the Provost and ExCom to gauge receptivity to the idea.

2) **Keeping our options open:**

Emerson expressed some concerns about the potential costs with a mandatory hard waiver option. He further stated that we would definitely want to have the information before assuming that this is the only way to go, which some of the language in the 1/25 minutes implied. There was further discussion about this.

Mary Beth clarified that we would separate the health fee (which funds SHAC) and the basic plan (which would be improved). The health fee would actually go down for those who chose the hard waiver option.

3) **Clarity of Communication with Students:**

Ultimately Emerson wanted the survey to drive the decision, not the other way around, and that when communicating with students, we should be sure to be clear about this. Rafael suggested bringing in departments to provide assistance with the survey.

There was also some discussion about the veracity of surveys. There is always less than 100% honesty in responses, and we have to be sure to view the data with that in mind. Mary Beth seconded this, particularly in the way we communicate to students. It's important to make sure students know that ultimately we are committed to listening to student concerns, and looking at options.

4) **Outcomes from Meeting:**

- a. **Combined bid:** Mary Beth also informed the board that Combined has come back with a bid of \$40 with the same plan, along with the \$9 OMIP fee attached.
- b. **International:** DJ from International will also meet with Nick to discuss concerns and questions.

D. **Discuss February 8th Student Forum:**

- 1) **State Representative:** Nick has been in touch with a State Representative who will be at the forum.
- 2) **Transgender issues:** Kim brought up that she would like to see more transgender services available at SHAC. Nick confirmed that there are some resources on campus that will be at the forum. Mary Beth stated that most insurance companies won't cover transgender services because they consider them elective, but that it is an issue we need to look into.

- 3) **Location:** Smith 294
- 4) **Advertising:**
 - a. **Flyers:** Nick has had many flyers created that will be posted on campus, and he will coordinate with Jessica to post them in SHAC.
 - b. **Ad:** We will place an ad
 - c. **MySpace/FaceBook:** we will be posting information there.
 - d. **Vanguard article:** we will have a large article about SHAB on 2/1.
- 5) **Speakers:** we are gathering many speakers and attendees including a state representative, Ameribend representatives, pre-dental people, and others.
- 6) **Format:** we have advertised 12-1, but have booked the room for two hours.
 - a. **Introductions:** handouts and visuals that briefly describe the basic information for about 10-15 minutes. Who we are, what we do, and what the current situation is.
 - b. **Students:** We will have students speak. Nick is coordinating who will be speaking. He has four confirmed, and 3 e-mails out. Emerson and Rafael have some potential speakers. Nick is slotting people into specific slots.
 - c. **Q&A**

E. Discuss non profit alternatives, specifically PacificSource:

Kim got a response from PacificSource, and then already insure Oregon State. She provided a handout with some information. Kim had some questions about how hypothetically PacificSource could work with WellsFargo. It could depend on the profit/loss ratio. Mary Beth stated that even if we went with PacificSource, we would still need an agent of record, but might not need a TPA.

Kim stated that the PacificSource agent was eager to provide quotes for us. Cathy Sommerton would have to coordinate this. There are some contractual issues with Combined and OMIP that might hamper her being able to do this. This is an ongoing issue which Mary Beth and Cathy are hoping to resolve.

Another consideration is that Cathy's contract as agent of record ends this year, and we will be sending out an RFP for a new agent of record. Cathy will most likely apply again. Mary Beth stressed that we will want SHAB's input during this selection

- F. **Next steps/ Set calendar:** We will next meet on Friday, February 15th from 12:30 to 1:30 at SHAC.