

Notes for September 27, 2018 AVC Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 1505

Members present: Tawny Haymond, Dr. Irit Gat, Noemi Beck – Wegner, Laurel Johnson, Dr. Fredy Aviles, Mary Jacobs

Non-Members present: Patricia King

Review agenda

1. Course and program development 9 new courses and submitted to CurricuNet refer to Power Point for course titles
2. Alcohol and other drug studies in second phase of approval for the studies – waiting time for approval. Should be approved by November (hopefully). Courses and program are in the approval process.
3. Certifications
Regional consortium once AP&P approval then regional consortium for approval
CCAPP certification (not yet submitted to CCAPP)
 - 21 semester units or 31.5 units
 - Intro & overview 45 hours
 - Law & ethics 45 hours
 - Personal & professional growth 45 hours
 - Physiology & pharm 45 hours
 - Case management 45 hours
 - Counseling theories and techniques 45 hours
 - Supervised practicum 45 hours
 - Clinically supervised externship 300 total hours broken down as: 252 hours direct service hours and 45 hours of supervised practicum classroom, 3 hours agency orientation

Hoping to have a few programs up by fall (?), hiring for staff will be needed, and entire program and then you go through screening. So, if they do make it through the whole program they can still go a different route. People may just want to take the classes for other reasons and not necessarily the full program which allows for opportunity for increased enrollment. Licensed clinicians at Tarzana who may be interested in coming on board to help teach the courses. Partnering will cover the 300 externship hours for certification – partnering with Tawny Haymond - Tarzana, Dr. Suzanne Verreault - AV rehab center, Dr. Nancy Martinez - AV brain health & Lake Hughes

Students need to be clean to work with children,

The places out here will take MFT interns, but not with Drug & Alcohol. Licensing hours (300) unpaid externship but possibly get a job with Tarzana or the rehab center. Looking for the interns to possibly get employed with them post completion of hours. Interdisciplinary, Tarzana looking to hire more nurses due to medication assisted programs and HIV programs. Interdisciplinary.

AV Brain Health – Lake Hughes (FD, PD, & occupations) & AV area (mental health). Youth counselors and in the probation camps. DCFS is also using mentors. Criminal histories are not an exclusionary factor however, sex offenders, arson, and violent crimes can take courses, but not allowed to do internships due to that history. Needs to be a disclosure when students want to enter.

A year outside their recovery for at least a year. Suspected drug use will require drug screen.

Funding for patient treatment comes from insurance – drug treatment is now covered by Medi-Cal and private insurance. Extremely high demand for people coming in to treatment, but now the treatments are limited to 60-day programs. Tarzana can take patients without insurance (limited funding) however, AV Rehab has more funding due to county operated.

Proof of need for program:

AV rehab at 50% capacity due to lack of staff

Tarzana lack of staff to expand treatment for patients in our area

Flyers from Tarzana – shared by Tawny to show services they offer and a need for more certified alcohol and drug counselors.

Next Step/Questions

Advertising – how do we get the word out and bring in more opportunities for students to get externships, when to hire, who to hire, and getting everything to start the program. Start offering classes by summer of 2019 or fall 2019. Nancy Martinez (AV Brain Health) also interested in teaching.

Articulation – can a student transfer courses in to complete the certificate program? Course work for program based on other colleges with this same type of program. Do the courses need to come from a CCAPP certified school to transfer in? Possibly okay to transfer in if the courses are CCAPP certified once the program is certified by CCAPP. Our courses will all be transferable and possible help fill other program requirements for students.

Feedback from Tarzana – counselors don't have to have the degrees, but those teaching the courses need to have a master's degree. State criteria required to teach (possibly write an equivalency) yet at this time maintain what has already been written into the program for approval which is a master's degree in Psychology or related fields. Possibly bring in guest lecturers to help educate the students and have agencies come to introduce themselves to the students in the program.

To maintain their certification, they will need 50 CEU's to recertify every 2 years. Tarzana – sends their employees to go through training programs. Tarzana is a certified cite for training for counselors. Offers their classes through Learning Point. AV rehab has onsite training for staff. Many certification programs are expensive. Some classes require prerequisites others don't.

They have Telepsychiatry at Tarzana to help with the need for psychiatry.

Invite Dr. Jill Zimmerman to the next board meeting and to be a member of the advisory board.