

TCSG Pharmacy Technology IFCC meeting held in Macon at CGTC,

Friday, October 13, 2017

Building I-Quad B

The following attended the meeting:

Sasha Kahiga: Lanier Tech

Frank Barnett: Wiregrass Tech

Jack J. Shepherd: Oconee Fall Line Tech, Pharmacy Technology State Consortium Chair

Christy Bivins: North Georgia Tech

Betty Finney: Central Georgia Tech

Pedro Valentin: Columbus Tech

Adrienne Guy: Augusta Tech

Michelle Hill: West Georgia Tech

Amanda Daniels: Atlanta Tech

Robbie Howard: Atlanta Tech

JaNee Mobley: Albany Tech

Robin Holliday: Albany Tech

Lisa Soares: Southern Crescent Tech, Pharmacy Technology State Consortium Co-Chair

Holly Free: CPS for Pharm Tech, TCSG

Mindy Glander: VPAA, North Georgia Tech

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, Georgia, Building I-Quad B (change of location from Room 232) by Jack J. Shepherd, Pharm Tech Consortium Chair. Following a brief welcome statement, Mr. Shepherd reviewed the agenda for the day and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting September 30, 2016. Pedro Valentin made the motion to approve and Betty Finney offered the second to the motion. All members voted unanimously to approve. Shepherd then called on Holly Free to show members how to access the KMS/TCSG website and find the IFCC section and where minutes are stored. Mr. Shepherd reminded all members to sign in on the roster and update email addresses and list any other members on staff at their colleges. Holly Free then updated the members of her new role with TCSG in the area of Apprenticeships, where she planned to promote those for Allied Health programs, as well as the other areas that are available in. She explained that the position of Curriculum Program Specialist was currently open until filled. Mr. Shepherd wished Holly the best in her new position and she stated "I will still help any of you anytime you need me".

We then agreed to have a work thru lunch meeting to finish the items on the agenda. While Holly had the KMS info on the screen, we went ahead and discussed the agenda item PHAR 2060 for competency additions for the Advanced Pharmacy Technology Principles. Pedro Valentin presented some of his ideas and opened up the discussions. At this time, a number of members expressed interest in making major changes to the program curriculum, maybe with new PROBES. This was tabled until a future meeting upon the recommendation of our CPS and Mr. Shepherd. After a lengthy discussion the members agreed to make additions/deletions/edits to PHAR 1010, 1020, 1030 and 2060 with the order/descriptions and not actual competencies. Some topics discussed would be to delete some of the chemistry in PHAR 1000, and make edits/additions to PHAR 1010, 1020 and especially 2060 to include more insurance instruction, billing, purchasing, medication therapy management and REMS. In general, and after advice from Holly Free that we can make changes in descriptions but not actual competencies we agreed on a date. Most of the areas addressed in the meeting can be "fit in" to a competency we

already have in KMS. Members were given until Friday, November 3, 2017 to submit changes they would like to see and Mr. Shepherd stressed the importance of following the format using verbs, learning domains, and levels of learning. Mr. Shepherd mentioned that several new editions of lab books address a lot of these areas. Also many of the publishers now have cross-references to the PTCE blueprint, as well as, to the 46 ASHP goals. Members were encouraged to contact members that were absent about this opportunity to make some edits within our KMS. Holly Free will finalize the recommendations and allow members to review before she submits for final approval. The motion to adopt a November 3 deadline for submissions on this matter was made by Pedro Valentin and a second came from Lisa Soares. All members voted to adopt this deadline and procedure for edits.

Holly talked a little about how a lot of programs are being reviewed by College Presidents as to the course structure, content and credit hours. She recommended that we not make any major changes at this time. It was pointed out that individual colleges can make adjustments to their programs to best suit the institution as long as we conform to program standards, goals and objectives.

Frank Barnett gave a brief talk about the importance of members and students joining Pharmacy Technician associations and especially the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association and members were encouraged to attend regional meetings. Other organizations discussed were Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the SEPHT, and other professional organizations working for the Pharmacy Techs. Barnett shared the importance of all of us staying in contact with our members of the Board of Pharmacy if they are from your area. We need to share as much positive info about the Pharmacy Technician Profession as we can to promote education of Pharmacy Technicians over the non-educated.

Members then discussed how to improve program enrollment at member colleges because most are experiencing downward trends. A lot of this is attributed to competitors offering curriculums not as rigorous as the TCSG offerings. Members discussed job placement strategies and how to keep the community informed about our programs and job opportunities for pharmacy technicians.

Mr. Shepherd and Holly Free stressed the importance of ADA compliance by the January 2018 deadline. We then discussed our next meeting date, but Holly said that would be dependent upon the new CPS and their availability.

Christy Bivins was introduced as the new Dean of Allied Health for North Georgia Technical College. She announced the opening of Program Director at the Clarkesville location.

A motion was made to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson of the consortium to serve for two years. Jack Shepherd, current chairperson, and Frank Barnett were nominated for chairperson. Jack Shepherd was unanimously voted to serve on as the chairperson and Frank Barnett was then voted in as the vice-chairperson.

It was agreed that the next meeting date will be discussed when the new program curriculum specialist is announced and can provide us with some potential windows of meeting opportunities.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.