Minutes

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order 1:30PM
2. Roll Call

1. Nicole Rose, Interim Program Coordinator AODS/PSS

2. Jack Khan, Dean Social and Behavioral Sciences

3. R. Dillon Emerick, Behavioral Sciences Chair

4. Felicia Durling, The Center for Life Change

5. Sandra Graves, Lighthouse Counseling

6. Jeremy Larsen, Coherence Associates Inc.

7. Daniel Dulcos, Southern California Recovery Centers

8. Mary Charlton, Mission Treatment Services

1. Introductions
2. Review Minutes from 2015 Board Meeting

* Minutes Approved

1. Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program:

Strengths:

* Gives students the choice and confidence to succeed. This is done through the program and instructors.
* Location- School is in a great location and can access a large student population, as well as community partners.
* Solid alumni- large amount of alumni are working in the field and supervising students in the AODS Program.
* Diverse student population, staff and faculty.
* Sites feel more comfortable hiring Palomar graduates because those students have quality education.
* The past year, the connection to the AODS Program has increased significantly for students, sites and the community.

Weaknesses:

* Students have fears about their weaknesses and not being able to succeed in the programs.
* Student population needs to know that the process to becoming a counselor is slow and integral.
* Need for a class on co-occurring disorders, behavioral addiction and treating other special populations would be very beneficial to the student’s competencies.
* The new generation thrives on technology; there is a need for more online access to the AODS coursework and program.
* Better website for the AODS program.

Opportunities:

* Create opportunities for:
  + Online learning
  + Access to continuing education and training
  + Marketing
  + Student advisory board
  + More partnerships
  + Internship matching for students and sites

Threats:

* Lead sales- offering addicts money to enter treatment.
* Little policing of insurance fraud being committed across the profession.
* Due to the rise in unethical and illegal practices, the insurance companies are going to make it harder for people to gain access to care.
* The unethical recovery businesses are prying on student interns and offering them high hourly rates to work for unethical agencies.

Industry Needs:

* Formalized review for AOD/SUD treatment programs.
* More quality care agencies and professionals.
* Continuing education and training workshops at affordable cost.
* Courses on billing and utilization review.

1. Open Discussion

* Job fair
* Incentive- Palomar could sponsor events
* Dual-enrollment
* Monthly spotlight- recognition of outstanding sites, students, professionals

1. Adjournment 3:30pm