

Palomar College  
DENTAL ASSISTING  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: ONLINE ZOOM

**Attendance**

Present: Denise Rudy, Jasmine Martin, Dr. Chris Hydo, Adelina Hernandez-Coria,

Absent: Hedi Allen-Hydo, Claudia Perkins, Dean Patricia Menchaca, Dr. Dickson and Jodi Martin,  
Glenda Collato, RDA, Effie MacDonald, RDA, Dr. Sue Liethen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm via Zoom

New member Lona Padua was introduced. There were no guests.

Denise will send out the Minutes from the Fall 2021 meeting soon.

**Old Business**

No ADA or HPC hired or permanently assigned to Dental Assisting. We don't have any new information regarding the hiring of support personnel for Dental.

**New Business**

Denise Rudy reported that only two responses were sent in on the Alumni Survey. We are not sure why the return rate was so low.

There are still no staff support for the program. Recruitment for support staff is only taking place in our classes.

We have low enrollment in DA 50 and DA 57. Out of the 4 semesters, less than half of enrolled students are completing their courses. We don't have enough students to fill our seats.

Discussion was held on low enrollment versus course completion. A letter writing campaign may need to happen if enrollment for Summer is low. Recruitment was discussed.

The student internships are going well. We are back at Camp Pendleton which has been positive. The current demand for dental hygienist and front desk managers in the community is very high.

There is no ADA report.

Adelina Hernandez reported on the Workforce Institute and the funds provided for supplies and equipment for the Dental program. Strong Work Force granted over the department approximately \$100,000. Adelina talked specifically about the medical supplies purchased and the software upgrade for DA 65.

The recording was stopped at 7:37pm.