TCSG Dental Assisting IFCC Meeting  
Central Georgia Technical College, Macon  
10/4/13 10:00am-2:00pm

Members Present: Elaine Williams, Curriculum Program Specialist, TCSG; Liza Charlton, Lanier Tech; Priscilla Ryals, Linda Cauley, Albany Tech; Lea Anna Harding, Gwinnett Tech; Paula Ross, Sandi Woodward, Wiregrass Tech; Stephanie Derfus, Savannah Tech; Luz Ibarra, Angela Hardy, Barbara Askew, Southern Crescent Tech; Yvonne Jenkins, Ogeechee Tech; Sharon Jones, Angela Odom, Augusta Tech; Jennifer Burrell, Tina Grile, Athens Tech; Kimi Edwards, Sharron Cook, Columbus Tech

Introductions
Elaine Williams introduced herself and welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves.

The last meeting was held on October 10, 2010. This meeting is the first since the semester conversion.

Rotation of Officers
Sharron Cook volunteered to lead the meeting. After some discussion about the rotation of officers, it was determined that the Dental Assisting IFCC State Chair Rotation Roster, which has the officers listed in alphabetical order by college, lists Columbus Tech with Sharron Cook as chairperson and the Georgia Northwestern director as vice-chair for 2014.

Recent CODA Site Visit, Wiregrass Tech
Sandi Woodward reported on items that she was cited on during her recent CODA site visit:
- Standard 1: Dental Emergency skills evaluation
- Standard 2-29: Criteria to have specified evaluation of clinical procedures. Sandi submitted one to the site visitors, but was still cited.
- Student’s seminars are not objective enough
- Minor inconsistencies between standards and syllabi
- Twenty contact hours too much for Director- must be less than faculty
- Educational methodology- faculty needs to have current methodology
- Cited on not having new chairs in place
- CPR card must have “Healthcare Provider with AED”

Educational Methodology
- Discussed and shared teaching methodologies
- Webinars, use of Respondus, etc.

Radiology
It was stated that patients need to have a prescription from a dentist and a dentist needs to be present at the school when students take X-rays and must have them evaluated by the dentist. There was some discussion about the location and confirmation of this rule. It was agreed that it is not listed in the Ga. Board of Dentistry rules, nor in the CODA standards, but that it may be in the Ga. Dept of Human Services rules. At this time it remains unconfirmed.

CODA Standards
- Discussed types of clinical skills check-offs. All check-offs need to be consistent.
- Ratio - clinical vs. preclinical
- Extent of Expanded Duties check-offs and what CODA requires
- Infection control policies need to be included in the program lab manual
Delegated Duties

- Discussed the Georgia Board of Dentistry proposed amendment about the addition of phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures to the General Duties of assistants
- Reviewed the General and Expanded Duties on the website
- Discussed whether a dentist needs to sign the Expanded Duties and Radiology certificates

Curriculum Issues

- DENA 1050 - Lecture is too short
  - Voted to take one lecture hour out of 1400 to add to 1050 lecture
  - Effective fall of 2014 or Jan 2015 (?)

- DENA 1030 - Voted to change the wording of the course description in the first sentence to "Introduce students to the area of preventive and public health dentistry”.

- DENA 1390 - Voted to take out the word “films” and replace with “images” in the course description.

- Since some programs substitute ALHS 1011 for DENA 1010, it was proposed to change the wording in the program standards by adding “or ALHS 1011”. However, the credit hours are not the same, so Elaine will check to see if the change is possible.

- Voted to change DENA 1080 Dental “Biology” to Dental “Anatomy”

- Discussed cutting some of the core courses to decrease program hours. Will make decision at the next meeting

- For programs with competitive entrance, there will need to be a benchmark if core is cut

- Voted to cut one hour from DENA 1090

- Voted to cut ALHS 1040 and Math

- Proposed changes will generate a probe

Election of Regional Chairs
Members nominated and voted on the officers for the following regions:

- Southern Region – Sandi Woodward, Wiregrass
- Central Region – Angela Odom, Augusta
- Northern Region – Liza Charlton, Lanier

Next Meeting
Friday February 21st or 28th, 2014

Meeting Adjourned
2:00pm