

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Wynne Korr, Dean

Barry Ackerson, Associate Dean

Faculty

FROM: Hellen McDonald, Chair, Mental Health Concentration Committee

RE: 2014 Annual Report

DATE: April 25, 2014

Members: Lissette Piedra, Doug Smith, Barry Ackerson, Wynne Korr, Chris Larrison, Angel Wang, Cody Lewis, Megan Wills, Nancy White-Gibson, Teresa Ostler, and Hellen McDonald

The Mental Health Concentration Committee met monthly throughout the Academic year. We discussed numerous topics including, but not limited to:

- integrated behavioral healthcare
- how to best prepare our MH Concentration students for integrated behavioral health care internships
- adjustments to benchmarks data evaluation process

### **ANNUAL BROWN BAG**

The Committee organized and presented a Brown Bag Panel presentation on April 3, 2014. Two community representatives from PCC Community Wellness and Memorial Medical Center Outpatient services were the panel members.

The presenters were:

- Katherine Suberlak, LCSW; Director of Clinical Support Services;

PCC Community Wellness Center

- Vern Reinert, Manager, Memorial Outpatient Behavioral Health Center.

Dr. Piedra moderated the panel. The Brown Bag was accessible to faculty and students. 20+ participants were in attendance.

### **OTHER ITEMS ADDRESSED**

Our Committee also processed the following questions during our meetings:

\*What do our MSW students need us to be teaching them in order to prepare them for the professional world of integrated healthcare?

\*Might we start involving community stakeholders/advisors in our committee meetings again?

\*Proposal to combine the MH and HC Concentration Committees with split-Chair roles.

\*MH Post-Assessment for 2014 will be administered by Barry Ackerson after finals this May 2014. Only students starting Field in May can take this post-assessment. Students starting in August 2014 must wait until graduation.

\*Dr. Ackerson will continue to administer pre-test and post-test materials. A GA or RA will help organize the data. Dr. Smith and Dr. Piedra have agreed to review the data analysis and provide a report. Student members may assist with editing final report as needed. We are hoping to have the Report ready for submission by the start of 2014-2015 Academic year.

### **AGENDA for 2014-2015**

\*Integrated Behavioral Health Care under the ACA: is the way that our MH Curricula set up effective?

\*Are our MH concentrations students ready for internships in Integrated behavioral health care settings?

\*What Curricula modifications, if any, can we suggest in order to better prepare our MH students for the Integrated terrain, both for Field work and future employment?

\*Inviting the HCCC to meet with us to discuss pros and cons of Combination of HC and MH ***Committee meetings (not Concentrations)***.

\*Transitional plan re: pre-test and post-test administration. Ongoing review of the MHCC Competency evaluation ("how meaningful is this to the students"?).

Submitted on behalf of the Mental Health Concentration Committee

Hellen McDonald, Chair (2012-2014)