**UC AHEC Community Advisory Committee Meeting Notes – March 22, 2022**

Advisory Committee: Lois Mills/Otterbein Senior Living, Donna Green/UC College of Nursing, Vicky Abdella/Area Agency on Aging, Tessa Keiser/UC M3, Tiffany Mattingly/The Health Collaborative, Yvonne Kaszubowski/Warren County Career Center, Dr. Bruce Gebhardt/UC West Chester, Jack Kues/UC

Staff: Sharron DiMario, Taylor O’Shaughnessy and Dr. Sarah Pickle

Guest: Hope Arthur, Director of Workforce Innovation, The Health Collaborative

Lois welcomed the group and shared that we’re adding a medical school student to the committee – Tessa Keiser. She’s a third-year student. And, she mentioned that Donna Green will be replacing Angie Clark from the UC College of Nursing.

Sharron shared some highlights from the activity report and encouraged members to follow up with staff if additional information was needed.

Lois introduced Hope Arthur, Director of Workforce Innovation at The Health Collaborative. Hope is sharing a draft version of the Collaborative’s website that’s focused on “early college transparency.” Principle users will be students, parents, counselors and high school teachers. It used the UC Early IT program as its model. Regional healthcare pipeline partners (of which UC AHEC is one) determined the need for a central place to learn more about healthcare careers and what courses will start a student down that path.

Hope shared the website landing page that includes information about lesser-known careers and resources from the fall career expo. In addition to sharing national resources like [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org), the site has a resource guide and will put Camp Scrub information, along with UC’s Academic Health Center Diversity, Equity & Inclusion events, as well as other providers. Community members and students can opt-in to the website.

The site also features common, basic early college courses that are foundational to healthcare careers with direct links to Cincinnati State, Gateway Technical & Community College (Northern Kentucky), UC and branch campuses and other regional institutions. One of the highlights is a video featuring pre-college students from the Ignite Institute in Northern Kentucky, discussing how helpful early college learning has been to them. The plan is to expand the resource guide to include Miami University, Northern Kentucky University and Xavier University.

The group discussed how employers might connect with students around opportunities like apprenticeships for medical assistants, general job shadowing and work-based learning opportunities. The group shared how difficult it is to track students who are completing high school and entering college and how the site might track usage.

The group discussed creating a universal high school application for healthcare employment that wouldn’t replace existing HR requirements for hiring but might make the process easier. Donna shared that the College of Nursing could use the site for outreach to high school students – offering tours with sophomores and junior and having on-campus advisors show them how to move into this pathway. Hope mentioned that The Health Collaborative’s members also need to build more opportunities for future healthcare professionals.

Someone wondered if there was a ‘team’ available that could teach college counselors or guidance counselor how to use the site, and if there could also be scholarship listings and financial support information.

Dr. Pickle reminded the members of the remaining group meetings for the year.

**Tuesdays, 7-8 pm via zoom**

**June 14, 2022**

**September 13, 2022**

**December 14, 2022**