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### ***Healthcare Sub-Committee Minutes***

February 13, 2024

**Attendees:** Alan Beatty, Fran Kuhn, Sherwood Taylor, Carol Braff, Sheila Quinn, Dan Kelly, Erik Ditizio  
Gerry Michelfelder (Proxy Myrna Morales Keklak), Dennis Lennon

**Absent:** Curtis Still, Paul McClellan, Sam Ware, Patti Laychock

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair Mr. Beatty from Shore Medical Center. After some discussion the Chair motioned to accept the minutes Mr. Kelly seconded, hearing no questions the motion passes. Mr. Lennon abstained.

Mr. Kuhn questioned the need for the medical assistants. Mr. Lennon added AtlantiCare has 18 medical assistants starting at the hospital Mr. Beatty stated Shore does not have any students, and their primary source for students comes from ACIT. Mr. Beatty discussed the need for clinical rotations. Mr. Taylor confirmed Atlantic Cape's classes are still 620 hours for MA's .

Mr. Lennon discussed growing your own program.

Mr. Lennon confirmed that AtlantiCare completed an application for the GAINES grant. ACWDB submitted a letter of support. And he could not confirm the finality of the process. He will report back. He discussed a partnership that will assist AtlantiCare with technical assistance. They also train in-house. The starting salary for Medical Assistants is \$17.50. He confirmed 28 MA positions filled in January. He agreed to send new personnel to the ACWDB Job Developers for a pre-apprenticeship program.

Mr. Beatty discussed building a cohort for fall students that will assist with the shortage of locations for clinical rotations. Mr. Kuhn questioned the opportunity with Rowan students. He decline the possibility to invite them to the next meeting . There was a brief discussion on the Brookdale partnership for Respiratory Therapy, which is pending.

The discussion on nurses was led by Ms. Michelfelder Chairperson Department of Nursing , who attended on behalf of Myra Morales- Keklak. The update is as follows:

200 in cohort    80 Seniors        90 freshmen    91.7% passing rate

The LPN program had 20 seats for 20 students, 16 enrolled, 3 dropped out, total 13 LPN's in the first class.

Mr. Kelly is concerned about investing in students, after training they move to other areas like Philadelphia.

Mr. Lennon shared information on a loan repayment program at AtlantiCare and how it has a 5-year staying option (must stay with employer).

Pharmacy Technicians are an occupation that Shore and AtlantiCare have enough participants to comprise a cohort. There is no critical need to date.



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Mr. Beatty discussed Shore Medical continuing to recruit medical staffers through the immigration hires. He wanted to follow up with discussion for a Health Navigator. Mr. Kuhn expanded the discussion about how the focus should be on the high schools and the need for vocational training. Mr. Beatty confirmed having three appointment in the community at , ACIT, Cape May Vo-Tech and Egg harbor Twp Middle School, within the next few months. His team will network with students in person.

Ms. Michelfelder confirmed 178 total students in RN program with 96 in their first year, 82 second year and 10 LPN transitional students.

Mr. Lennon discussed briefly the AtlantiCare is training in-house medical assistants, and the Histology Division of the Lab Sciences is ongoing.

Mr. Kuhn will follow up on establishing a work process or area of need.

The meeting conclude with a motion by the Chair seconded by Carol Braff. The meeting concluded at 4:10pm.

Next Meeting **March 12, 2024**

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