

Allied Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC)
Zoom

Attendees:

Brad Deeds (Dean of Workforce Development and Instruction/LTCC), Zachery Ford (Emergency Medical Services Faculty Member/LTCC), Clint Nichols, Adjunct Member/LTCC, Ace Daly (EMT Program Aide), Calie Murphy (Director of Forestry, Fire & Public Safety), Ryan Wagoner (Executive Director/California Tahoe Emergency Services Operation Authority), Carley Riedel (Paramedic Operations Manager/California Tahoe Emergency Services, Amber Goligoski Program Coordinator of Work-Based Learning/LTCC, Elizabeth Ferguson (Dental Assisting Director/Adjunct (South Tahoe High School (STHS)/Dual/LTCC), Jamie Rhone (Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program Specialist I) and Isaiah Tannaci (STHS-Dual Sports Medicine Instructor/Coordinator/CTE Dept., Chair)

Welcomes and Introductions:

- Meeting called order at 3:03 p.m.
- Welcome, introductions and appreciation for the amazing, allied health program dedications and collaborations were conveyed by all attendees.

Program Overviews and Partner Updates:

- Brad provided a brief Perkins funding overview.

Dental Program:

- Dental Assisting & Radiology Dual (STHS) Seniors have completed the sequence and are finishing their Externships. The program started with 20 students and seven have job offers already.
 - The Dental Assisting & Radiology Certificate of Achievement are issued by LTCC to dual students and adult learners successfully complete the required (21 units); expecting 10-15 completers.
 - The Dental Assisting & Radiology Externship agreement cross-training process allowed an opportunity to streamline the labor-intensive process.
 - We added the Washoe Tribal Health Center to the Dental Assisting, Part 3 Externship (HEA-147C) class.
 - Discussions for the Dental Assisting & Radiology Externships are underway with El Dorado County Health Department Center-Medi-Cal is setting up a dental office in South Lake Tahoe behind CVS (Bijou area), in September and October. They are planning to accept externship students in January 2026. The agency is planning to include two dentists and two registered dental assistants (RDAs) staff at least.
 - A dental digital intraoral scanner with accompanying laptop is needed. The estimated price is \$6,000 to \$13,000 depending on the features. Here is a link with additional details:
<https://www.renewdigital.com/itero-element-5d-cpo-intraoral-scanner>
 - LTCC is collaborating with Expanding Healthcare and Regional Economy Career Pathways for K-16 Career Pathways involves creating seamless pathways from education to careers in fields like healthcare and regional economic sectors for a grant. Brad is presenting at their meeting on May 20, 2025.
 - During COVID, we had an abundance of personal protective equipment (PPE) and shared with our dental agency partners. They are giving back PPE and making other relevant donations.
- The BLS partnership with the EMT staff is going very well.

EMT and Wilderness Outdoor Education Leadership (WEOL):

- Clint is the EMT Skills/Lab Adjunct for LTCC.
- Ace is the EMT Program Aide for LTCC.
- The EMT course consistently has a long waitlist each quarter. Recruiting part-time adjuncts and public safety aides to add another section of EMT.
- Last year, we purchased updated equipment and created a maintenance schedule.
- This year, our focus is to refine and improve the course objectives.
- The clinical placement agreements are with Lake Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD), California Tahoe Emergency Services Operation Authority and Barton Healthcare Emergency Room.
- Our long-standing EMR instructor moved on. We hired a replacement instructor.
- The EMT team and CTE prepared the EMT and Refresher course submission to include continuing education program number renewal to El Dorado County Emergency Medical Services Authority for approval.
- The EMT staff offers ongoing American Heart Association Basic Life Support training to dual enrollment and LTCC instructors to eliminate the barrier/cost students were experiencing enrolling in outside area courses.
- EMT student polo materials fee will return to include two polo shirts to give students time for laundry.
- Added additional Wilderness First Responder (WLD-107B) and Wilderness First Aide (WLD-107A) courses to the spring quarter to meet the student demand.

LTCC Tahoe Basin Public Safety Training Complex:

- Brad provided an update on the progress and funding for the multi-disciplinary facility serving Fire Science, Wildland Fire, Forestry, Emergency Medical Services, and Wilderness Medicine and Search and Rescue programs and Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) criminal justice. To also include the CTE position office.
- Currently in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) phase of the project. The expected completion in Winter 2027, weather permitting.

California Tahoe Emergency Services Operation Authority New Facilities:

- The new facility/building is allowing us to be a better host to our fire agency partners, Barton and LTCC. We are County tenants in the City's footprint.
- Collaboration with Zachery and Carlie is going great!
- We recently lost multiple paramedics to our local fire agencies within weeks of each other which is great. Now, we are seeking to hire replacement staff.
- Each of our ambulances are staffed with one EMT and one paramedic.
- EMT apprenticeship programs are two months long and provide a pathway to becoming a paramedic.
- Our local agencies are integrated in this County; we align with Barton Healthcare partnership.
- We remain paramedic advocates and are pushing for public safety support.
- In the future, we may donate an out-of-service ambulance.
- The group remains interested in ongoing discussions and outreach efforts to other existing communication college satellite collaborations to pursue feasibility of a paramedic program. This program requires a multi-agency lift with facilities, classrooms, instructors, and instructional assistants. Current paramedics shared their educational experiences with satellite programs.

Sports Medicine Dual Enrollment Program:

- Sports Medicine 1 aligns with the college EMR (HEA-106) course offered to freshman and sophomores and includes four hours of medical observation and is a pivotal experience for our students.
- Sports Medicine 2 aligns with the Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries (PET 102A).
- Sports Medicine 3 is not part of the dual enrollment program.
- Sports Medicine 4 is an eight-week internship with Barton Healthcare in the front-facing departments.
- To improve student retention, reducing our annual offerings to capture 55 to 60 students vs. 80 to 90.
- Ideas:
 - o Explore more experiential exercise programs for middle school student pathways.
 - o Offering an EMT evening class at LTCC is a great high-school CTE pathway and others.
 - o Create a CTE Career Academy (five-week) for firefighter explorer and criminal justice programs.
- The recent LTCC Fire Academy and EMT presentations/outreach event was held at the high school with program equipment, apparatuses and staff inspired the students and they were extremely excited for the hands-on exposure.
- These types of events provide an opportunity to improve and refine the high school transition to LTCC to elevate bottle necking.

Work-Based Learning/LTCC:

- Barton Healthcare changed their career field observation program from a three-week, full-time, to a six-week part-time one.
 - o Event announcements:
 - o Discovery Night is on May 16 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with Dr. Jamie Orr, Bijou Stem Club for more interest.
 - o LTCC/STHS Senior Day is on May 22. The college priority registration window for summer and fall offerings opens on May 19 and students can register on-site and enjoy fun activities with faculty and staff.

Curriculum Updates:**Dental Assisting:**

- A Coronal Polishing (HEA-150) course was created/approved to comply with the Dental Board of California (DBC) Dental Assisting required functions.
- A Pit and Fissure Sealants (HEA-151) course was created/approved to allow students to qualify to take the California Registered Dental Assisting exam.
- Our program has all the stackable components to allow students to apply with the DBC.

-Physical Therapy Aide:

- Deactivated the Physical Therapy Aide courses (HEA-110 A&B).
- Related discussions continue to pursue the feasibility to offer a Physical Therapy Assistant Program that includes a robust internship.

Annual Program Review (APR) data:

- Ran out of time to review during the meeting and attached to the meeting invite for self-review.
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
- Medical Office Assistant
- Dental Assisting

Adjournment: 4:04 p.m.