

**Addiction Studies Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2025  
Lake Tahoe Community College  
Zoom**

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m.

**Attendees:** Brad Deeds (Dean of Workforce Development and Instruction/LTCC), Allison “Ali” Hibbard (Adjunct Faculty/LTCC and Mountain High Recovery, Health Educator), Amber Goligoski (Program Coordinator Work-Based Learning/LTCC), David Stevenson (South Lake Tahoe Police Chief), Nicole Bergner (Career Counselor/LTCC), and Jamie Rhone (Career & Technical Education Program Specialist I/LTCC)

**General Discussions/Feedback from Industry Partnership:**

- Chief Stevens has an average of two positions open and closed to being fully staff. The recruitment is ongoing for the dispatch position which is an incredible opportunity with hiring bonuses. Each agency trains in house for a significant amount of time. He remains appreciative for this committee and program.
  - Ali’s distance education enrollments for winter quarter are at (25). AI use and plagiarism is on the rise which required reshaping assignments to counter act it. Betsy’s classes are in the Enhance Virtual Education (EVE) format to include weekly Zoom meetings which provides a better pulse on AI use and plagiarism. It remains a challenge for the EVE classes too with out-of-area students that are unable to participate in the practicum course (COU134).
  - Nicole is seeing an increase across the board when trying to connect students to services. Students are themselves in recovery and are pursuing a related field that does not require a Masters’ Degree.
  - Ali the State is pushing to build the workforce by taking a positive approach for education career pathways being ramped up. Additional funds are available for training resources. There are three certifying agencies: California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP), California Association for Drug/Alcohol Educators (CAADE) and California Association of DUI Treatment Providers (CADTP).
  - Chief Stevens stated our community is responding to an increased amount of drug use to include opioid use, and individuals with co-occurring issues. Everyone around the lake is improving awareness and crisis intervention to lower barriers in the field by staffing up mental health services. Collaborative efforts continue with the Barton Emergency Room Navigator.
  - Amber due to the increase in out-of-area students we are exploring a pathway to respond to these students that have an interest in participating in the practicum. Betsy is our practicum instructor and local area on-site agency approver to ensure the integrity of the program, educational standards are maintained and we remain in compliance with Title V Guidelines.
- Annual scholarship, administered by California’s Department of Healthcare Access and Information will cover one year of education and at California university or community college with a maximum award of \$35,000 per student. Recipients must be willing to study human services, addictions studies, psychology or social work and, after graduation, commit to service obligation of one year as a Certified Wellness Coach. The application deadline is February 13, 2025.
- Chief Stevens echoed the need for a 24/7 mental healthcare contractor. They are reaching out to alumni.
  - Brad reminded the group of the 24/7 Timelycare at LTCC visit the link [https://www.ltcc.edu/campusresources/mental\\_health\\_page.php](https://www.ltcc.edu/campusresources/mental_health_page.php) and get connected with a real person.
  - Brad the college administration is dedicated to improving the program by pursuing a second certifying agency. This is a tremendous program and will always be part of the college. We met with the college administration, instructors and Laura Metune to seek out recourses.

**Annual Program Reviews & Updates – 2023-2024:**

- Brad shared the program review data: FTES, demographics which are typically female dominated, success rates between females and males are trending up and down. African American student success rates are very

low, need to monitor. The Hispanic success rates are 12% lower in comparison with local elementary, middle school and high school success rate of 40%. The reports excluded the new non-credit classes and additional research is needed to include in annual reports.

-Ali 60% of students between 25-49 are hitting college by rebooting after recovery. AI and plagiarism. is impacting success rates across all students with the ghost students.

-Nicole some time the AI use is obvious and under mining the integrity of education. Other times not so obvious.

-Brad Business Faculty Treva Thomas developed "The Business Information Worker (BIW) Quick Start" business office technology classes to meet community demand for various agencies.

Thank you to our two Addiction Studies instructors Betsy Fedor and Ali Hibbard for collaborating and completing the Title V mandated course modifications to include Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Methods which is an ongoing process. The mirrored Addiction Studies non-credit course enrollments are going well.

#### **Perkins Funding:**

-No report

#### **Curriculum Updates:**

-Brad the (10) mirrored non-credit courses are active and being well received by students.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted