**South Carolina AHEC**

**Health Careers Program Council**

**Polycom Meeting**

**November 17, 2016**

Present: Angelica Christie, Paula Jones, Nita Donald, Erica Davis, Kim Stephens

Guest: Wanda Taylor, MUSC College of Medicine Admissions

| **AGENDA** | **DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS** | **RECOMMENDATIONS****ACTIONS****WHAT/WHEN** |
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| Approval of Minutes | The minutes of October 18, 2016 were received as submitted. | Erica Davis moved that the minutes be approved with the correction. Seconded by Nita Donald. |
| MUSC College of Medicine Application Process | Wanda Taylor, Assistant Dean for Admissions of MUSC College of Medicine presented information to the Council regarding the application process. The following were shared:* Students are urged to apply early – Deadline November 1
* Be prepared to complete a very complex application
* Limit social media activity
* Go to the actual college of interest for advising
* Make sure that your desire is 100% medicine
* Never take the advice of someone that says that MCAT scores will hinder your acceptance in medical school
* Individuals that are invited for an interview are mainly in state or have close ties
* The application fee is $160 and the college application fee is $38
* The MCAT costs $310
* There are fee waiver assistance programs for students who want to take the MCAT. It is based on income and low poverty level.
* A student must pay a $395 college acceptance fee (3 weeks to confirm acceptance)

*Barriers for Students** Bad advising
* No involvement or membership in clubs or organizations. (Hold an officer position)
* No Shadowing experiences
* Low MCAT scores

*What Can AHEC do for students?** MCAT Bootcamps
* Test Taking Skills session

*Admissions Interview Breakdown** ¼ GPA
* ¼ MCAT
* ¼ Average of faculty ratings
* ¼ Accomplishments
	+ Letter of recommendations (secondary application)
	+ Community Service
	+ Leadership
	+ Shadowing

A student should strive to receive a 9 or 10 score in each category. *Added Value Points (Highest possible points - 20)** Work Full-time
* Worked in the community
* Adversity
* Masters

*Collaborating Possibilities*Partner with College of Medicine Institute |  |
| WINS | The council members gave highlights of their regional WINS.**Mid-Carolina (Erica Davis)** * + 38 students enrolled in OSHA online course (19 modules)
	+ Will participate in Feed the Homeless
	+ Create candy jars for their Christmas project. They will be presented to the Sickle Cell Center, Ronald McDonald House and the Oncology Center

**Lowcountry (Kim Stephens)*** + Katura Williams will continue to work part-time until May.
	+ Students will be serving food at St. Anthony Catholic Church
	+ HPS students talked to HCA members about their discipline
	+ Working on the components of the Nutritional Leadership Project

**Upstate (Nita Donald)*** + 53 students enrolled in HCA
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| Program Office Update | Angelica reported on the following:* Robert Trachtenberg, Chief Executive Officer, National AHEC Organization has resigned. He will remain with the organization until December 2016.
* The Bench 2 Bedside Series ended on 11/16/16. A total of 139 registered for the combined series.
* The Bench 2 Bedside II Proposal is still in draft form. The proposal will outline how SC AHEC would collaborate with 2-year state technical colleges.
* Met with Dr. Paul Catalana, Clinical Associate Professor of USC School of Medicine and Amanda Piekutowski, Manager of Admissions and Registration to discuss adding a question to their application to identify that were involved with AHEC.
* The HCP members will be trained in CPR on December 7th.
 | Spring dates will be shared.Angelica will forward a copy of the proposal to the coordinators. |
| CDC Update | SC AHEC Annual Meeting – Hosted by Lowcountry AHEC, March 16-17, 2017 |  |
| POSME  | The FOA has been delayed indefinitely. Plans are to move forward until further notice. |  |
| Adjourn | There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. |  |
| Next Meeting | The December 15, 2016 meeting has been canceled due to the CPR training. |  |