**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 |  |
| 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. |  |