

**Student Health Advisory Committee**  
**01/21/16**

SHAC Members Present: Cassidy Barber, Ryan Buckley, Char Coal, Tommy Keller (in place of Nicholas Goldsmith), Sky Handy, Kayla Hansek-Brill, Abdi Hassan, Ali Miller, An Nguyen, Maddie Phelps, Sai Wang.

Boynton Staff Present: Carl Anderson, Tom Bilder, Dave Golden, Ben Hickman, Anne Hodgson, Sue Jackson, Julie Sanem.

Guest: Danita Brown Young

1. Welcome and Introductions – (Abdi & Sky)
2. Review of Minutes from 12.03.15 (Abdi & Sky)
  - No changes.
3. Brief overview of SHAC
4. Danita Brown Young in attendance
  - OSA is dedicated to students. It's important that they stay at the center of everything they do.
  - Connect, engage, grow
  - Connect to environment, stay well, engage in conversation, opportunities to grow as global citizens.
  - Students can help move agenda forward in the following areas:
    - i. Identify leadership opportunities for students- what do you want & need to be global leaders?
    - ii. Help create a true one stop area. Goal is to expand those services of student outreach. Focus on health and wellness initiatives, financial issues, & mental wellness. This should be the hub of the university. What are the true needs of the students? Are there issues of accessibility?
    - iii. Improving campus climate
  - Danita offers to meet with students individually or be available to meet with student groups.
  - An asks about the possible unionization of faculty and adjunct. Danita says the conversations about this are starting.
  - Sky asks how SHAC can help. Route concerns through advisors, through Carl Anderson or send them directly to Danita's office. Formal appointments are better than trying to catch Danita by walking in for an appointment.
  - Mental health, drug use and promoting regular physical checkups are health areas that OSA would like to address.
  - Danita has been impressed by the student governments on campus and those individuals who are fighting for a "seat at the table".
5. Mental Health- joining forces on campus
  - Dave shares concerns/demands that Boynton, Student Counseling Services and Disability Resource Center are all facing right now. Is it possible to hire enough providers to meet the demand?
  - Carl will share some of the statistics on the wait list, individuals served, etc...
  - What are the groups that we want to work with to see what we can do?
  - Space is an issue. Carl shares some updates on Boynton space and Danita's approval to hire another MH provider before this fall. Major space planning initiative is in the works at Boynton. One-on-one services will increase but we also want to think creatively about other ways to meet the needs of mental health issues on campus.
  - OSA has hired a care coordinator. The hope is this position can do initial assessments and make sure people aren't falling through the cracks. They will help determine what the next steps are for individuals they meet with.
6. MN Healthy Partnership
  - Carl offers an invitation to students to attend the next or future MN Healthy Partnership meetings. They are to help develop policies for legislative action. The group is creating narrative and policies to help improve health and health disparities.
  - There is an upcoming meeting scheduled on February 29<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm. Anyone is welcome to attend with Carl.
  - Char expresses interested

7. Health policy changes- Healthcare Sharing Ministry Plans
  - Boynton is in the process of trying to create a policy regarding the Healthcare Sharing Ministry Plans. Healthcare Sharing Ministry Plans are exempt from the federal tax penalty and they are exempt from obtaining regular health care coverage but they are currently accepted as an exemption from the University's insurance requirement.
  - Some of these plans ask members to request a discount before they are seen for services. Some have fairly strict guidelines regarding tobacco and alcohol use, contraception use, church attendance. Claims can be denied by the group without cause.
  - Alcohol and drug services, mental health services, STI care, eye care, hearing aids & exams, outpatient supplies, replacement of braces are just some of the things that are often not covered by these plans. There is no guarantee of payment.
  - Patient accounting spends lots of time talking through issues with parents and patients. They don't understand why Boynton isn't paying since we accept their exemption and they are paying student service fees. Patient accounting is managing things case by case which is very time consuming. We are working with members directly since there is no insurance company to work with.
  - Requesting support from SHAC that student service fees NOT cover the services/items that are not covered by these plans. Minimum essential coverage required by the Affordable Care Act are not being met.
  - Is it fair to offer this group a discount and not uninsured patients?
  - Julie asks if these students are identifiable and if they would be communicated with directly about this policy.
  - There is general agreement on the concept and the group approved this issue being brought to the attention of the fees committee next week.
  
8. Next meeting scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am Boynton Garden Room

**Ongoing Projects- no updates this meeting**

Survey Demographics  
BHS & SCS- what to expect  
Lab Safety  
Oral Health on Campus  
PrEP & PEP  
Metro Mobility  
BHS Patient Satisfaction