

Human Services
Spring PAC Meeting
May 21, 2025
3pm - 4pm
Room 402 Career Center

Present - In Person Heidi Santaw, Debra Joslin

Virtual - Gwen Bailey-Rowe, Kara Campbell Morin, Amy Lanoue, Vicky Whitehill

- **Review trainings completed and Intro to Human Services - CCV**
 - Reviewed hand out with trainings completed this year
 - Talked about introduction of Intro to Human Services for this year's group - will be offered as part of Level 1 classes moving forward
- **Incorporate Lifespan Development Psychology -VTSU - in the works**
 - Heidi is in the process of refining the syllabus to submit to VTSU for approval of teaching this course next year. In the past, Celine Champine has been the lead teacher but with her retiring, we need to resubmit paperwork. This will be completed by the end of the year. If approved this will be offered during year 2 of the program.
- **Review WBL experiences - thoughts on new opportunities?**
 - Reviewed sheet with all of WBL experiences this year
 - NKHS was a great addition this year
 - Able to connect with DCF and create an arrangement that works for them honoring their confidentiality
- **Guest speaker/training suggestions**
 - Terri Lavelly, NKHS, offers a great course, Teen Mental Health, in order for her to present to my class we need a certain % of our staff trained in this. I will talk with Gwen about the possibility of it being one of our trainings next year on half days.
 - Amy Lanoue suggested reaching out to Celine Cote about incorporating CPI training.
 - We connected this year with Susan Jones, founder of Norah Beads. She came in to talk about the importance of mental health. I can see many ways we will be able to collaborate in the future.

- **Anticipated enrollment for next year**
 - Currently there are 16 students enrolled for next year. These students embody a wide variety of human service careers.
 - More and more law enforcement interest. Vicky suggested reaching out to Lynn Brochu of the Orleans County Child Advocacy Center (which would be a good connection anyway) to see if she has an FBI connection and Deb suggested Derek Judd. Heidi will reach out to both before the end of the year.
 - Is it time to start documenting how many of our students are interested in more of a law enforcement track? While I can offer them an overview of necessary skills, is Human Services going to meet their career interests? So far, we are doing a good job (I think) but moving forward if the numbers continue to grow - will we be able to? Gwen suggested it may be time to talk about bringing back a Protective Service program.
- **Discussion of how to effectively prepare students for such a variety of careers in Human Services - What are core concepts to include?**
 - One suggestion was to review Foundations throughout all Human Services professions - reading, writing, communication, etc. It would be neat to have those words hung up around the room so that when different presenters came in to speak students could make those connections.
 - **HOMEWORK - can you make a list of those foundational skills you think should be included**
- **June 4 - Review e-Portfolios and Final Projects with Level 2 students - 8:30 - 11:00**
 - If you are available and would like to spend some time with my level 2 students we would love to have you. Please let me know.
- **Other thoughts/suggestions**
 - **None**
- **Ended at 3:50pm**