

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 7, 2025

9:08am – 9:58am

Conference Room 55321

Attendees: Allison Cahoon, Brittany Nichols, Dr. Crystal Blake, Dr. Gene Hilton, Dr. Julius Manz, Dr. Kelley Ryals, Keyshawn Yazzie, Linda Parks, Ruby Woodard, Sarah Jung, and Sherry Paxson

- I. Introductions
 - Dr. Manz welcomed everyone. All members introduced themselves.
- II. Personnel Changes
 - There are two new adjuncts teaching for the Program;
 - Courtney Justice, RDH – Teaching in Histology, Clinic, and Principles of Practice.
 - Jeff Nygren, PharmD – Teaching in Pharmacology.
- III. FERPA Agreement
 - New members signed a FERPA Agreement.
- IV. Advisory Committee Member Handbook
 - New members received a copy of the handbook.
- V. Application Process
 - The Program is transitioning to an online application.
- VI. Dental Hygiene Program Advisory Board Review Checklist
 - Allison created a checklist for the members to use to give feedback or recommendations for the Program. All members received a copy of the checklist.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - Table Clinics are on November 13th from 6pm-8pm in the Zia Conference Center.
 - Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) is scheduled for February 6, 2026. If anyone is interested in joining the GKAS committee, contact Dr. Hilton.
 - Dr. Ryals participates in the Veterans Smile Day. And asked if San Juan College would like to participate in the future.
- VIII. Equipment and Acquisitions
 - Dr. Manz asked if any dental offices were using Eaglesoft. Dr. Hilton shared that Dr. Khademi and Dr. Hoopes presented on 3D imaging.
 - Desert Hills Dental uses AI Caries Detection Software Overjet.
 - Training is available for the Anatomage table.
- IX. Program Highlights
 - Class of 2026
 - Has 12 students out of 12.
 - Students will do Mock Local Anesthesia Boards on Friday, November 14th.
 - Clinical Boards will be in April 2026.
 - Class of 2027
 - Has 12 students out of 12.
 - Students have competencies coming up.
 - Sarah shared her experiences with the program.
 - Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA) Activities

- Students elected new SADHA officers.
 - Students hosted a Kiddie Clinic Fundraiser on October 4th. SADHA made close to \$600.
 - Students attended Scientific Session on October 24th.
 - Students participated in the Halloween Carnival on October 25th. It was not as busy this year.
 - Students participated in Veterans Stand Down on October 10th. Students from Touro College came to help also.
 - SADHA will host a Spring Continuing Education Series. Topics to include Guided Biofilm Therapy and Myofunctional Therapy.
 - Other Continuing Education (CE) topics members would like to see offered are;
 - CPR/BLS
 - AI
 - The College is implementing Lumenes for CE registration. Programs can set everything up, including what cost center the money should be deposited to. Students and community members can register online.
 - Alternative Radiology Exam
 - Last April the Dental Board gave permission for a Radiology Alternative Exam to be piloted. San Juan College worked with Dona Ana to create an exam. There was a huge turnout. All 30+ students passed on the first try, except for 2. Those 2 students were remediated right away and passed on their second try. There have been issues with the FMXs. The state is grading them harder and students are failing at a higher rate than ever before. This topic was going to be discussed at the Dental Board meeting today. We hope to get in touch with Elmer from Dona Ana to get filled-in on what was said.
- X. Job Placement
- Job opportunities are good.
- XI. Honors Scholarship
- The top honors student from the Dental Hygiene Program will receive a scholarship from Desert Hills Dental.
- XII. Common Course Numbering
- The Common Course Program Revision is now complete. Dr. Manz will submit a Change Report to CODA.
- XIII. Conclusion
- The members were thanked for attending today's meeting. We appreciate their time, input, guidance, and support of our Program.

Submitted By: Ruby Woodard