Health Care Advisory Committee

Annual Report for 2020-2021 (Faculty Policies & Procedures 6.60.)

I. Statement of Committee Functions

1. Act as a liaison between students and other members of the university community to identify and address the health care needs of the student population;
2. Act as an advisory resource to University Health Services and other members of the university community who are involved in producing and disseminating resources that promote healthy people, families, and communities.
3. Works collaboratively with and advises the UHS leadership on student, staff, and faculty concerns related to health and wellbeing.

II. Current Activities

In the academic year 2020-2021, the HCAC received briefings on COVID-19 campus policies, including those concerned with social distancing, masking, testing, and vaccination (primarily for UW staff and faculty). As always, the HCAC served as a forum in which its students, staff, and faculty members can register concerns and ideas to UHS leadership for consideration by UHS and potentially senior UW–Madison leadership.

The HCAC also reviewed UHS’s plan for a national recruitment for a new permanent medical director. That search, chaired by Prof. Ajay Sethi (Population Health Sciences) was successfully concluded in summer 2021.

The HCAC also reviewed plans by UHS to change the name of its erstwhile Women’s Health Clinic to better align with ideals of inclusivity, health equity, and reproductive justice. This was in response to a student-led campaign on campus. After consulting with the HCAC, the clinic was recently renamed Gynecology Services.

Finally, the HCAC received briefings and offered feedback on a recent and concerted efforts by UHS to expand and enhance its mental health services capacity. Please see Section IV, below, for more details.

Activities of Subcommittees:

Immunizations Subcommittee

To date, all but three of the Big 10 universities have a vaccine requirement. Michigan, Michigan State, and Wisconsin have recommendations.

The Immunization subcommittee drafted and approved a vaccine and tuberculosis (TB) screening requirement for all new incoming students, in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) and the American College Health Association (ACHA). The full HCAC then approved the proposal, which was then passed onto senior campus leadership for consideration and further action. It is our understanding that any new vaccine requirement would include provisions for medical and religious exemptions.

In the coming year, the subcommittee will support the work for the campus-wide immunization policy initiative, for all incoming, degree-seeking, matriculating students.
The American College Health Association, in collaboration with the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, recommends that college students have completed documented vaccination, or clinically documented history of disease, for these vaccine preventable communicable diseases:

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Meningococcal ACYW

Thirty-four states have a meningococcal vaccination requirement for college attendance.

There are additional recommendations for those engaged in activities in health care professional/training experiences within a clinical setting as well as general recommendations for being vaccinated for Hepatitis B (HBV), COVID-19, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

**Budget Subcommittee**

Budget subcommittee members reviewed the SSFC budget and proposals and provided guidance for the Operations Director. Subcommittee members provided feedback on areas of potential growth and concern.

**Chaperone Subcommittee**

Subcommittee members reviewed a potential chaperone policy for sensitive exams in Medical Services. Staff at UHS have reviewed and prepared for potential opt-in and opt-out policies, and this committee assisted in navigating potential staff and student concerns.

**Update on Student Priorities: Plan B**

In 2018, student members of the HCAC asked UHS to review opportunities to provide increased access to emergency contraception. At the time, students asked for vending options in the Student Activity Center at 333 East Campus Mall. UHS worked with the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) to review options, and vending options are approved. Emergency contraception is an over-the-counter medication.

Emergency contraception has been made available in two Badger Markets since 2018. These are available behind the counter and offered at $13, significantly lower than the $40 and $50 price points at area pharmacies.

Due to the pandemic, implementation was delayed. During the 2021-2022 academic year, UHS worked again with OLA and Recreation & Wellbeing (Rec Well) to find a place for vending options in a Rec Well facility. Due to current vending contracts and availability of vending machine options, UHS is not able to pursue the vending option currently. We will continue to investigate the proper vending options as made available. The two Badger Markets will continue to offer emergency contraception behind their counters.

**III. Current and Future Issues and Areas of Effort**

In 2021-2022, the committee will:

- Continue to review COVID-19 policies
- Address priorities identified by the committee in recent years, for example the transition of UW–Madison from a Smoke-free Campus to a Tobacco-free Campus.
IV. UHS Mental Health Services – expansion and enhancements

a. Mental Health Services:
   - Implemented Co-Responder Model
   - Expanded evening hours to 7p.m. Monday - Thursday
   - Expanded Survivor Services by 2 FTE
   - 24% Increase in requests for Appointments
   - In a recent UHS-fielded survey of clients:
     - 90% Increase in satisfaction Rates
     - 93% of students reported satisfaction with their Mental Health Services appointment
     - No student reported being “Extremely dissatisfied” with their experience. (Scale: Extremely satisfied, Somewhat satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Somewhat dissatisfied, Extremely dissatisfied)

b. Mental Health Services Appointments by specialty and by year

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*Counseling Appointments include Group Appointments which include multiple individuals. On-Call urgent care is NOT included.
V. Committee Membership

Paul Kelleher served as the faculty co-chair in 2020-2021 and serves now in 2021-2022. Katie Kalvelage served as student co-chair for 2020-2021, and Isabel Peterson now serves as student co-chairs in 2021-2022.

Committee composition:

1. Four faculty members appointed for three-year terms.
2. Two academic staff members appointed for three-year terms.
3. Two university staff members appointed for three-year terms.
4. Seven students appointed for one-year terms.
5. Six ex officio members from University Health Services (or their designees):
   a. UHS Communications Manager
   b. UHS Director of Administrative Services
   c. UHS Director of Medical Services
   d. UHS Co-Director of Mental Health Services
   e. UHS Director of Environmental & Occupational Health
   f. UHS Executive Director

2021-2022 membership

*Faculty (term ends)*
- Paul Kelleher, Medical History & Bioethics (2022)
- Tally Moses, Social Work (2022)
- Ajay Sethi, Population Health Sciences (2023)
- Andy Garbacz (2024)

*Academic Staff (term ends)*
- Kendra Maier, SMPH (2024)
- Kate Rozenberg, Pharmacy (2022)

*University Staff (term ends)*
- Chris Rohr (2023)
- Chuck Strawser, Transportation Services (2022)

*Students*
- Sruthi Atluri
- Adriana Kotchkoski
- Nicholas Loew
- Eunice Park
- Isabel Peterson
- Alexis Smiezek
- David Vargas

*Ex Officio*
- Jake Baggott, Director, University Health Services
- Carol Griggs, Director of Administrative Services, University Health Services
- Marlena Holden, University Health Services
- Amanda Jovaag, University Health Services
- Aruna Josyula, Medical Services, University Health Services
- Liz Valentine, University Health Services