

Dewar COEHS Meeting Documentation Form

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Committee/Group Name: Marriage & Family Therapy Advisory Council

Chairperson/Responsible Contact: Dr. Kate Warner

Purpose of the Meeting: Semi-Annual Meeting to advise and assist the MFT Department

Date: April 25th, 2014 **Time:** 11:00 am **Location:** Marriage & Family Therapy Department Classroom

Departments/Participants/Groups/Agencies Represented: **Advisory Council Members:** Sara Riggle, Kay Riggle, JerriAnn Webb, Stephen Norris, Tawanna Woods, Reverend Bertrum Whitfield, Sara Riley, Drs. Wilhelmenia Howell, Carl Hand, Kate Warner. **Guests:** Drs. Jennifer Lambert-Shute, Lana Kim, and Martha Laughlin. **Student:** Anthony Potter.

Primary Outcomes: Introductions. The Council discussed an overview of recent successes and growth of the program. Discussed opportunities to expand awareness of services offered at FamilyWorks including: attend monthly meetings sponsored by the mental health community (LIPT, LCCY), offering continuing education opportunities to leadership in the faith community and Vacation Bible School sponsors, and employees at nursing homes. Discussed qualities members find most important in new graduates hired into mental health positions, including: ethics, work ethic, and collaborative documentation. During a discussion of upcoming accreditation processes including a focus on internationalization, members offered that the following areas may be important: the regional Hispanic population and issues related to immigration and farmworkers, foreign study, subscribing to translation services.

Actionable Items/Planned Follow-up:

- Translation services will be investigated.
- The Department will create a list of regional mental health meetings, faith-based meetings, and bible school sponsors and include attendance at those meetings or trainings in future outreach efforts.

Suggestions about those qualities Council members find most important in new graduates that are hired into mental health positions will be incorporated into the curriculum review at the upcoming annual MFT retreat for strategic planning.

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