

**Opportunities for SIGMA Services Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8th, 2021, 2:00 PM**  
**Zoom Conference Meeting**

Attendees:

- Kathleen Bratby
- Shirley Girouard
- Barbara Kitchener
- Shazia Peters-Steele
- Jamelia Small
- Nyleptha De Souza
- Kelsey Lau
- Meredith Barba
- Jeanne Shotzbarger
- Devorah Shifrin

With quorum present, Dr. Barbara Kitchener called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

The following were discussed:

1. GWEP: Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program
  - a. <https://www.americangeriatrics.org/programs/gwep-coordinating-center>
  - b. 4 M's
    - i. Matters to them
    - ii. Medication
    - iii. Mobility
    - iv. Mental health
2. Opportunities for licensed students: clinical research opp in the immediate Winter and Spring semesters. Available to students regardless of program clinical start dates.
  - a. Patient outreach
  - b. Currently helping with vaccines at Brownsville
  - c. Supervise patients who need patient education or screenings
  - d. Student experiences
    - i. NP students - PCP for geriatrics and psychiatry
    - ii. Research opportunities
    - iii. Geriatric enforcement enhancement programs
3. Opportunities for Unlicensed students: Accelerated program
  - a. Volunteer with patient education (virtual) - Working w health fairs, senior centers
  - b. Aim to Improve care of older adults
  - c. Brownsville community health center & Downstate
  - d. Screenings - mini mental status exams

- e. Observe
  - f. Psychiatric services - assist licensed persons
4. Research opportunities - licensed/unlicensed
    - a. HIV research
    - b. Food insecurity
    - c. Data entry can be done at home
    - d. Nyleptha brought up possible research idea using RISE HIV data
    - e. Geriatric focused, 3 possible projects, ongoing caring of adults w HIV, food insecurity, and (new) database for better understanding of older adults in our community.
  5. National initiative: looking at school environment, safety, violence, maternal fatality
    - a. Grant opportunity
  6. Robert Woods Foundation - Culture of Health  
<https://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/building-a-culture-of-health.html>
  7. Most health fairs occur in summer due to weather restrictions.
  8. Student suggestions for opportunities and availability:
    - a. Rough number of available people
    - b. Days and times
  9. Kathleen Bratby:
    - a. Honor society functions as its own entity which explores issues and initiatives independently.
    - b. Dr. Marshall & Betty Young - Population Care Management (overarching concept).
      - i. Looking at care of patients from assessment and planning to discharge planning and transition of care, as well as interprofessional management of care delivery.
      - ii. Calling every patient who has been discharged and following up using a script that is followed. Students will discuss how patients are doing, any needs they have, and care plan follow up
    - c. Must contact Dr. Marshall to see if there's any way to do it at home (opportunities are on campus)
    - d. Students will be able to escalate a call to a supervisor
  10. Tanya Taylor - web project - recent grant doing HIV research with older adults
  11. How are we as a university addressing the isms - racism, ableism, etc and how are we integrating this into our dialogue, health assessments, care planning, and teaching? Is this an existing thing or can we spearhead a research project to do so?
    - a. Can we bring this into the research courses
  12. NSC to-do list:
    - a. Compile list of names for students interested in research opportunities.
    - b. Volunteer list

- c. Clinical placement in the spring semester - need to reach out ASAP since January is coming up
13. Adjournment: There being no further business, the following motion was made by Dr. Girouard.
- Motion:** To adjourn at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully:



**Kelsey Lau, NSC Secretary**