

UNI Social Work Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, Sept 25, 2023
Time: 3-4 PM via zoom

Present:

Addictions Prevention and Treatment - Jordan Dunn/Pathways

Aging/Gerontology - Juli Hermanstorfer/Friendship Village

Criminal Justice System - Brian Sedgwick,/Juvenile Court Services

Educational Settings - Angie Koop/Central Rivers AEA

Medical/Health Care - Joe Kohls/Waverly Health Center

Persons with Disabilities - Melody Moser/Cedar Valley Community Support Services; April Kiefer/County Social Services

Social Work Department Faculty and Staff -Rebecca Dickinson, MSW Program Director; Lane Foresman; Libby Fry, BSW Program Director; Angelica Velazquillo Franco; Jenny Becker, Director of Field Instruction

Not Present:

Mental Health Services - Tom Eachus/UnityPoint BHGMH; Aaron Culley/Candeo Counseling Center

SW Faculty: Cindy Juby; Sei-Young Lee; Jaimie O’Gara; Matt Vasquez

I. Social Work Department Program Updates

- A. New Faculty - Lane Foresman & Ituni Ilesanmi
- B. Faculty Searches – waiting for Provost approval to do an external Department Head search
- C. CSWE Accreditation Update – Dec 1st is the deadline for submission of Restoration Letter; Fall 2023 faculty student ratios are in compliance
- D. Student Assessment Outcomes – both programs met all established benchmarks, no advisory committee recommendations

II. BSW Program Updates

- A. Libby Fry is interim BSW Program Director. This role will be assumed by new Department Head.
- B. Online BSW Program on hold due to staffing issues.
- C. New BA Program Certificate through Public Health Program – Health and Social Services Certificate – targeted to students who seek careers in the health care settings

III. MSW Program Updates

- A. Four MSW cohorts in progress (in person MSW Specialization, online MSW Specialization, online MSW Foundation, online MSW Specialization)
- B. Next in person MSW Specialization/Advanced Standing cohort application open Dec 1st for a Summer 2024 start; Next online MSW Specialization/Advanced Standing cohort will begin Summer 2025.
- C. Request for 1 year online MSW Specialization/Advanced Standing option from prospective students – Department considering this option
- D. New curriculum in place for MSW Specialization program
 - 1. Removed *Systems Redesign*
 - 2. Moved *Trauma Informed Practice II* and *Grant Writing* to elective options
 - 3. New courses: *Diversity and Human Rights*; *Advocacy and Social Justice*
- E. Title IV-E stipends planned to start Summer 2025 for 5 Iowa Department of Health and Human Service BSW degree'd employees who are accepted into program and want to pursue an MSW Degree.

IV. Field Program Data

- A. Encourage sites to have interns provide feedback prior to end of internship. See below for information gathered from field program from students and liaisons and used for program evaluation purposes. Sites are welcome to use these questions (or create their own):

Student Feedback:

Please rate the field site's orientation process regarding orientation activities, measures the agency took to ensure physical safety and health, response to injuries and/or travel. Please rate your overall experience with your site in developing your social work skills. Please rate the site supervisor's ability to promote and support self-care activities so as a student intern, you were able to positively cope with the emotional impact of the field experiences.

Please rate the site supervisor's role in developing your Learning Plan

*Please rate the quality of the site supervisor's weekly (for 1 semester internships) or bi-weekly (for 2 semester internships) supervisory sessions with you.
Would you recommend this field site to future students?
Would you recommend this field supervisor to future students?*

Faculty Liaison Feedback:

Please rate the site supervisor's ability to develop, in consultation with the student, an appropriate Learning Plan.

Please rate the quality of the site supervisor's weekly (for 1 semester internships) or bi-weekly (for 2 semester internships) supervisory sessions as reported by the student, the site supervisor and/or through summaries of learning.

Please rate the site supervisor's ability to provide increasingly challenging learning activities as well as integrate curriculum content within practice as the student exhibited growth in their social work skills.

Please rate the site supervisor's ability to engage in meaningful discussions and constructive feedback during the two required agency meetings throughout the internship (i.e. onset of internship, midterm eval, final eval).

Please rate the agency's ability to provide meaningful and timely orientation activities/training to the field student.

Please rate the agency's ability to create and maintain safety for the field student.

Please rate the agency's ability to provide a learning atmosphere that meets the educational and ethical objectives of UNI's Social Work program.

Would you recommend this field site to future students?

Would you recommend this field supervisor to future students?

B. Offer more intentional learning plan support in seminars.

Memo Items:

- Recommendations for additional advisory members to represent: Refugee/Immigrant Services; Domestic Violence/Violence Prevention/Housing; Hospice; Veteran Services; Other?
- Trauma Informed Care Conference, Friday, Oct 13, 2023 Online (flier attached)
- Systems of Support in the Cedar Valley Conference, Friday, November 17, 2023 Waterloo (save the date attached, registration opening soon)
- Spring Advisory Council Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024 from 10-11 a.m. via zoom