Emergency Medical Services Program

Fall 2022 Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Time: 2:00pm – 3:10pm

External Participants: 5

- Dekalb Fire Department

Internal Participants: 4

Dr. Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction Susan Lencioni – Lead Instructor Joe Przybyla – Instructor/Paramedic NIU Police Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist I

I. College and Program Updates

College Updates: The College has seen an increase in enrollment for the first time in 11 years and continues to work on a variety of college goals. The Health Sciences Division was the recipient of the PATH grant which is covering all costs associated with a variety of short-term programs including EMT-Basic Training (EMS 107). Additionally, the College is holding a Health Sciences Open House on Wednesday, November 2 from 5-7pm featuring all allied health programs.

II. Strategic Planning and Discussion

Employment Outlook: Partners shared that the job market is bright, and many partners are hiring. Group shared concerns about attracting and recruiting individuals to the field; despite having openings not all positions are being filled.

Supporting instruction and licensure: Discussiomccurred regardingow test scores (although aligned to state and national averages). Suggestions including professional development for instructors to help improve instruction around test taking strategies, introducing test preparations earland more frequently in the program, and seeking insights from other programs.

Equipment needs: Partners felt the College's equipment and facilities are switted for instructional purposes. Discussion occurred regarding finite it simulation manikins. Kish has one but has had issues with frequent error messages, malfunctioning components, and poor customer service from the vendor. Kish is following up with the vendor to clarifyoncerns regarding the manikin.

III. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 2pm on campus (proposed)