

SE MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Healthcare Sector**

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Minutes

- The committee received the completed Nursing Shortage Solutions (NSS) Taskforce report. Having provided a final report, the NSS Taskforce is now dissolved.
- The group read through the report and discussed the next steps.
- Beth discussed the transition from the former classroom based Healthcare Academy taught by Sue Wood to the new online academy through HealthForce Minnesota. The committee brought up concerns regarding an online academy and the academic aptitude of students who would be taking the classes. Beth stated that most of the students interested in obtaining their CNA certification have recently had previous medical experience as an RCA or uncertified Home Health Aide and they have yet to have someone take the online course.
- Kolloh Nimley gave a brief presentation on the International Medical Graduate (IMG) Assistance Program.
  - She has finished her first full year with them.
  - There are 16 people ready to apply for residency; the application process starts June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Seven participants are entering their residency programs.
  - Kolloh discussed the residency preparatory program for international medical graduates offered through the University of Minnesota.
- Savita Katarya talked about the Mayo Phlebotomy Training Program.
  - Four Hawthorne students in the program graduated last week and were hired.
  - The next cohort started on Monday.
  - Three Hawthorne students were accepted into the Phlebotomy Program.
  - Seven other Hawthorne students have applied for the August cohort.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00PM.

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