

Upbeat nursing report for Health Advisory Committee

CENTREVILLE--- Glen Oaks Community College hosted the school's Health Advisory Committee on October 20 and received a very positive report from Karen Ganger, Director of Nursing.

Ganger said the nursing education program at Glen Oaks now includes one of the finest laboratory settings designed to reflect the latest in hospital services, and, "Our graduates are going through very realistic medical scenarios that give them the confidence to easily move into a hospital or other medical location." Ganger said Glen Oaks graduates earned an average 95 percent on national Nursing Examination Tests and students perform at a high



Members of the Health Advisory Committee at Glen Oaks heard several reports on the college's medical-related programs. Pictured are (left to right) Kari Linn, Community Mental Health Counselor, Karen Ganger, Glen Oaks Nursing Director, Chris Schultz, Three Rivers Health Patient Care Manager, Marsha Decker, Friends and Alumni of Nursing President at GOCC, Sue Strayer, Director of Nursing at Millers Merry Manor, LaGrange, Linda Moraniec, Director of Nursing at Maple Lawn Nursing Home, Coldwater, Darcy Skrzynairz, Career Technical Education Medical Occupations Consortium, Centreville, Peggy McKee, Vice President of Patient Care Services, Parkview/LaGrange Hospital, Jan Eichel, Director of Clinical Communications at AIRCARE, Kalamazoo, Dawn Ramsey, Education Coordinator, Sturgis Hospital, and Janell Lederman, Nursing Professor at Glen Oaks Community College.

level in externship locations in the area. Several members of the Health Advisory Committee confirmed the student appraisal, noting that GOCC students exhibit a solid foundation and are often hired at their externship sites.

Despite some area hospitals reducing medical staff, the committee members said numerous nursing positions remain in the area including in medical clinics, mental health and other specific areas.

Brenda Luczek, Allied Health Instructor and Medical Assistant Program Chair, presented information on the growth of Glen Oaks allied health programs and changes in some certificates. Luczek said Medical Assistants remain in high demand with physician offices due to their well-rounded administrative and clinical abilities. She said the Certified Nurses Aid (CNA) and Phlebotomist students may now easily cross train for the new Health Service Technician certificate.

The Health Advisory Committee previously met in April. The committee is composed

of individuals from medical-related institutions in St. Joseph, Branch, Kalamazoo Counties and several northern Indiana communities. As leaders at their locations, the committee members are a valuable resource in helping guide the Glen Oaks Nursing and Allied Health programs.

Also, photos showing committee members touring new Nursing laboratories at Glen Oaks.

