

## **6.5 CDI College PAC Progress Report**

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Dec. 4, 2018 – 6pm

There were **12 people in attendance**, including the new Campus Director, Geoff Nevin.

1- **Terms of Reference** were disbursed outlining expectations for the Board.

2- **Career Services Employment Report** showed that grads from CDI were employed at a rate of **97.83% as of June 2018**, which is a huge increase from June 2017 which was 84.62%!

-Discussion was had as to whether the students, and offices, for practicum benefited more/less from having their (CDI) structure divided into two parts so that they would be able to put the administrative, sterilizing and operatory set-up theory into practice, facilitating retention. It was determined that it greatly depended on the office and what they preferred. The practicum being split into two week increments allowed for the students to get some experience and get a greater sense of the realities of being in the field.

-It has been encouraged that the students begin their job search before they write the NDAEB

-Future recommendations and possible opportunities for Dental Assisting students at CDI are to get exposure to the Personal Health Information Act (PHIA), and working with patients with Alzheimers (Alzheimer Society), as they are all offered in different courses at the College already and may be able to become an integral part of the course, in a secondary nature?

3- **NDAEB Breakdown** showed that students had trouble with the Laboratory Procedures when studying. They commented that this may be partially to the way the textbook is laid out and Lea-Anne has provided a secondary textbook, ([“Dental Assisting – A comprehensive Approach – Phinney and Halstead.](#) ) which is easier for the students to follow?

-Out of 52 students who were writing for the first time only 6 did not pass (46 passed), second time writers- out of 63 students 52 passed (11 did not pass).

- Speculation of why the number was greater with the amount of exam failure the second write is due to Assistants working already so not having as much time to study, or the workplace interfering with “proper” protocols as taught by the RDA guidelines and Bylaws. Unfortunately, many of these students do not end up in the dental workforce.

### **4- Possible Expansion and relocation of CDI College!!!**

Geoff could not say very much at this point but it is up and coming since the school is outgrowing itself! Very Exciting!!

5- **Next Meeting** is June 6, 2019 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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