The past year saw significant changes for the Center of Excellence in Evidence Based Practice. The Co-Director, Dr. Carol Boswell retired from the School of Nursing. Dr. Joyce Miller was appointed as the Co-Director for the Center and as the James A. “Buddy” Davidson Charitable Foundation Endowed Chair for Evidence Based Practice. The change in leadership provided a much needed opportunity to update the website and revise the Strategic Plan to align with the new Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the School of Nursing Strategic Plans. In addition, Center forms needed review and revision.

**Funding Streams for Sustainability for the Center:**

- Due to the retirement of Dr. Boswell, Midland Memorial Hospital declined renewal of the contract with the CEEBP.
- Currently a contract with Medical Center Hospital for consultation for their Magnet journey is in process and will generate the same dollar amount as the Midland Memorial Hospital contract.
- Exploration for a partnership with Odessa Regional Medical Center is in process.
- From its inception to now, the CEEBP maintains financial sustainability.

**Achievements for AY 2021-2022:**

- Major work was accomplished aligning the CEEBP with the new TTUHSC and SON Strategic Plans involving the mission, mission statement, strategic plan, and strategic goals.
- The website was over-hauled and updated to reflect changes and create a fresh new look. In addition, the website now provides much better user-friendly access.
- Five new PowerPoint modules were developed for Quality Improvement, Research, Getting Started with Evidence Based Practice, use of the PICOT format for EBP and Evidence Based Team Building.
- A concerted effort to increase faculty membership in the center resulted in 8 new members- five from the School of Nursing, two from the School of Health Professions Physician Assistant Program and a statistician from a local University.

**Projects in Progress:**

- A Quality Improvement Project examining the Resilience of Nurses in Rural Clinics. The project is approved by the TTUHSC QIRB and has completed the first phase of the project and started the second phase.
- The other project is research regarding a statewide survey of school nurses and their knowledge of mental health resources. The project is currently working with the TTUHSC CRI for assistance for submission to the TTUHSC IRB.
- New forms were designed and evaluated to be more user friendly for membership and for project submission.
Strategic Goals:

Both goals to explore opportunities for evidence based practice in rural West Texas and interprofessional collaboration for quality improvement were met through the two projects. The two Co-Directors of the Center have provided direction and guidance for the revisions needed to bring the Center in alignment with TTUHSC and the SON and continue to pursue partnerships to advance the utilization of evidence based practice.

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