

COLLEGE OF  
**MARIN**

**Medical Assisting  
Advisory Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, June 3, 2021  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. PDT**

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*Presented by:*

Alina Varona, Dean of Workforce Development and Career Education  
Angela Olmanson, Program Manager, Allied Health COM  
Cesar Pomajulca, COM Instructor, Medical Assisting and Nursing  
Heather Rahman, Workforce Specialist, Career Education at COM

- **Welcome and Introductions** - Alina Varona (*10 minutes*)
  - Overview of COM
  - MEDA metrics
- **Open Discussion** - Industry (*15 minutes*)
  - Where do you find your candidates?
  - What are the skills required? For which levels including entry level?
  - Any emerging technology skills that should be considered?
  - What wages can be expected for entry level positions?
  - How should we best prepare our students to qualify them as viable candidates for companies/organizations you belong to?
- **Labor Market Information** – Heather Rahman (*5 minutes*)
  - Industry feedback: How does this labor market information look to you?
- **MEDA Program Topics** – Instructors/Group (*20 – 25minutes*)
  - Externships – What other colleges do industry partners support? What is the capacity?
  - National Certification – Increase in externship hours
    - i. Does industry typically prefer a National, State or College level certification? Does certification help for a salary increase?
  - Articulation by Exam with Kaiser and Terra Linda High School
  - Are there benefits in providing a short-term training option for MEDA students?
- **Summary and Next Steps** - Meeting Frequency, Time, Items to Revisit, Alina Varona (*5 minutes*)
  - When is best to reconvene?
  - When we decide to expand or revise the current MEDA program in the future, will the committee be receptive to answering a survey at a later time?