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Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear STARS verification team:

I am the Medical Director of the Health Center on the University of Dayton campus, and I was interested in helping my staff be more aware of recycling, and finding ways for the Health Center to recycle more effectively. I asked Kurt Hoffman, our Environmental Sustainability Manager, to help me with this, including a review of some of our unique trash to see what would be recyclable and what is not also.

We did a short in-service with the whole staff during one of our regular staff meetings where Kurt talked about sustainability in general and some things that we are trying to do as a university. Then we discussed what areas of Health Center operations needed to be examined for sustainability, which turned out to be mostly waste management. We did a walk through and waste audit to determine what types of waste were generated and which could be recycled. A few areas were found to need additional trash/recycling bins, and the practice of saving electronics for recycling (which had already been happening to some degree) was discussed to determine how to best get those items to our recycling facilities. Last came the info sheets describing the unique waste stream generated in a healthcare setting, and identifying what can and can not be recycled.

I'm not aware of any other campuses focusing specifically on their health centers with sustainability initiatives, so that we think this was a unique, and very productive, collaboration.

Sincerely,


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