

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 15, 2010

## **SUMMARY NOTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Bob Banks, Cynthia Creswell, Charlie McMordie, Steve Warren, Ann Sanders, Samantha Patterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Cameron, Paul Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Moller, Sue Banks

## **BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Bob thanked the members for contributing their time and knowledge for the committee. Bob asked members to introduce themselves and describe their jobs/programs. An address list was handed out with the names and job titles. The members service the community in many ways including outpatient treatment of men and women, prison and re-entry programs and providing shelters. Sue conducts four seminars a semester for the practicum students at AC which gives them an opportunity to discuss problems and share other concerns. Samantha said that ACADA depend on students and interns from the AC Substance Abuse Counseling program.

## **REVIEW CURRENT CURRICULUM**

There have been no significant changes in curriculum since the last board meeting. AC is mandated to teach certain courses. Bob is concerned because he has no adjunct faculty to teach the night class.

The Special Topics class has evolved into two major topics – the elderly or adolescence.

AC has an articulation agreement with WTAMU and Eastern New Mexico University. Students can take online classes at ENMU and get a bachelor's degree in eighteen months.

Bob asked for suggestions for needed areas of study. Discussion followed and most of the areas needed Bob covers already in his courses.

## **FUTURE OF PROGRAM**

Jerry Moller stated that the program is in better shape than it's been in years with good enrollment and completion rates. Student employment is the most challenging job. Bob's expanded role includes teaching large psychology classes. Jerry said that AC believes in the

program. He is concerned about the future of the program when Bob retires in the next few years. He and Sue will be difficult to replace.

Jerry stated how much he appreciates the board and the committee and their commitment to AC and the community.

Minutes taken by:  
Cheryl Gailey