

**Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy-Criminal Justice Programs
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

CHAIRPERSON: Toni Gordy		
MEETING DATE: 05/16/07	MEETING TIME: 1:30 PM	MEETING PLACE: Amarillo College- Polk Street Campus, Room #112A
RECORDER: Sibbie Sams		PREVIOUS MEETING: 02/14/07

MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Name and Title	Name and Title	Name and Title
Lt. Dale Davis Canyon Police Department	Bo DeArmond Sheriff Moore County S.O.	Toni Gordy Director of CJ Programs
Terry Easterling Director Potter, Randall & Armstrong Counties CSCD	Michael Hubbs Civilian	Sondra Beigle Associate Director of CJ Programs
Jeff Lester Captain Amarillo Police Dept.	Dave Thurman Chief Deputy Randall County S.O.	Eric Wallace Coordinator of Intervention Programs
Richard Martindale 47 th District Attorney's Office	Dawson Stubbs Lieutenant Texas Tech University Health Science Center	Alex Chancia Coordinator of Criminal Justice Programs
Brent Harrison Sheriff Deaf Smith County S.O.		

Agenda Item	Action Discussion Information	Responsibility
Continuing Business:	Meeting called to order	Toni Gordy
	Approval of minutes	Toni Gordy
Education Report: Forensic Science Degree		Toni Gordy
Academy-Law Enforcement In-Service Training Updates:		Alex Chancia
Specialized Training:		Eric Wallace
Intervention Programs:		Eric Wallace
Academic Update:		Toni Gordy
Committee Roundtable & Miscellaneous:		Toni Gordy

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Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Continuing Business:	<p>A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 2006 and February 2007 meetings. Motion was seconded and carried.</p>
Education Report: Forensic Science Degree	<p>The new Forensic Science Degree is scheduled to start this fall. Each member received a brochure containing detailed information on all aspects of the new degree plan.</p> <p>Students will need a bachelor's degree in Forensics Science and at some point in their education they will need to choose a specialty in the field. The following universities have agreed to accept our Forensic Science AS degree transfers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, NM • University of Texas in Arlington • University of Texas in San Antonio • University of North Texas in Denton • St. Edwards University in Austin <p>Toni plans to tour the Eastern New Mexico University campus this summer and she will also try to reach a transfer agreement with Texas Tech University.</p> <p>West Texas A&M University is currently unable to accept our Forensic Science transfers as they do not have a Forensic Science program in place. It would cost them around \$500,000 in equipment to get the program up and going, plus they would need additional full-time staff for their Chemistry Department to meet the requirement for a bachelor level in Forensic Science.</p> <p>For Amarillo College, the cost has been minimal since we are working with programs already established. We did receive \$40,000 for new program money and that will cover our basic start up cost for the required equipment for Forensic Science I and II.</p> <p>Toni stated that she plans to form a new Advisory Committee just for the Forensic Science program.</p>

<p>Law Enforcement Academy & In-Service Training Updates:</p>	<p>The 95th Academy just started their 2nd semester. Alex is pleased with the overall first semester grade average even though one student failed the first semester final. The 95th will graduate on August 24.</p> <p>Our passing rates for the TCLEOSE test have improved this year. The 94th Academy that graduated in March had a 93.3% passing rate on the TCLEOSE exam and the last Basic Jail School we held with Randall County had a 100% passing rate. Roger Floyd, the TCLEOSE auditor, is coming sometime in June.</p> <p>We are low on PRPC funds for In-Service training for the balance of this year. We used \$4,000 on an extra Basic Jail School which drained our funds. If a need comes up for any specific training before the next contract year, we can write up the class as In Kind. Let Alex know if you are scheduling any mandated classes and he can pass that information on to individuals who need the training.</p> <p>John Keihl, PRPC, is working on the new PLETS (Panhandle Law Enforcement Training System) Web site. We will all be able to contribute our training schedules to this site and our Web pages will link to PRPC-PLETS. Hopefully this will be up and running by fall.</p> <p>Toni has been working closely with our Web Master to improve our Web page. If your agency has its own Web site, we will be asking for you to link to us and we will link to you. This will benefit both parties.</p>
<p>Specialized Training:</p>	<p>We have funds in our specialized budget to cover some additional training this year. Discussion was held on having Jim Dodson teach "Ethics & Team Building". Toni will check on this and maybe schedule the training in July. This is not PRPC money.</p> <p>Eric went over the following Specialized Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April, Wade Ford taught a "Management by Leadership" class at Randall County S.O. This class was not PRPC sponsored, but Randall County made arrangements to hold the training free of charge. Sondra attended the training and said it was a great class.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 29, our annual Child Abuse Conference, "The Traumatized Child", turned out to be the biggest conference we have ever held with over 365 people in attendance. The evaluations for the training were all on the highest marks and we were pleased with that. • The Forensic Science Conference held at the end of April had 70 to 80 enrolled. • In August, we will hold a two-day Drug Conference. You will have the option to attend only one day or both days. Day one will cover "Exploding Drug Myths and The Neurobiology of Addiction" presented by Dr. Carlton Erickson from the Addiction Science Research Center at the University of Texas. Day two will cover "The Meth Epidemic" presented by Rand Kannenberg from the Criminal Justice Addiction services in Colorado. This is not a PRPC class.
<p>Intervention Programs:</p>	<p>We are working on a new program for felony offenders with behavioral types of issues. In July, we plan to start accountability courses with judicial involvement. Offenders will go before a judge weekly or at least 2 to 3 times per month depending on how well they are doing. If they do well, offenders will receive reduced sentences and if they don't do well they will receive additional fines or sanctions. The benefit of this type of training will be to reduce the offender's jail time. The more judicial involvement we have; the more compliance we will have from offenders.</p>
<p>Academic Update:</p>	<p>At the present time, we have a total of 250 Criminal Justice majors with Sarah Uselding as our Criminal Justice instructor. Toni reminded the Committee that we were in the process of "Sunsetting" the Corrections degree.</p>

Committee Roundtable & Miscellaneous:

The following items were discussed:

- Amarillo Police Department is testing on June 9 for their next accelerated academy. APD also starts a regular academy on June 7. Mike Allan is retiring and Strecia McCaig will be taking his place. A short discussion was held on all of the changes in personnel at APD. Jeff will send someone to speak with the 95th Academy to remind them to get their applications in before the June 9 testing.
- Sgt. David James with the bomb team will be doing demonstrations at the Texas Panhandle Peace Officers Association (TPPOA) meeting tomorrow at noon on the East side of the Amarillo Civic Center. The bomb equipment was purchased with Homeland Security funds, so the equipment is available to everyone in the Panhandle.
- Lt. Dale Davis mentioned the problem of keeping his officers from going to work for APD. Toni said that she was aware of the problem and she had talked with John Kiehl. John said to remind everyone of the PRPC funds if they want to hire someone to send through the academy. Alex reminded everyone that he would start interviewing for the next academy in June.
- We need to replace Wes Langham on the Committee. If you have anyone in mind, just let Toni know.
- Terry Easterling gave information on a new alcohol monitoring system they are using.
- Dawson Stubbs volunteered to help Toni contact Texas Tech about the Forensic Science transfers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE:

DATE: 07/25/07

NEXT MEETING: 08/22/07