**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**November 17, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Todd, Chairperson – City of Amarillo, Deborah Hessler – NWTH, Linda Stanhope – AISD, Perry Perkins – BSA, Sharon Tillman – DSHS, Derek Vaughn – PRAC, Anita Aaron – DSHS, John Smoot – Texas Tech.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Darrell Morgan, Sharol Finley, Brittan Carrier, Tony Hill, Bill Risner, William Riley.

**EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT:** Doug Adcock – EMSP Director, Paul Whitfield – Faculty, Wade Olsen – Faculty, Bill Crawford – Dean of Health Sciences, Cindy Crabtree – CCHcE, Cherie Clifton – Division Advisor,

1.  Appointment of Chairperson – Todd was appointed to this year's chairperson. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

2.  Review of Minutes – The minutes of the 10/22/09 were approved as written.

3.  Center for Continuing Health Care Education (CCHcE) – Crabtree reported on the revised Tri-State Symposium. The plan was to put more emphasis on regional EMS, less on nursing. There were 12 vendors, and 60 participants from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. An idea to make the symposium a "traveling show" was mentioned. Tillman reported that there was positive feedback regarding the symposium and she is somewhat disappointment with the number of attendance being low.

4.  Division Advisor – Clifton reported that this fall was a record enrollment of 11,800 and increase of 6%. Also, there was an 8% increase in contact hours. Spring registration started last Monday and will continue through January 18, 2011. The EMT program's registration seems to be blossoming! The program has a good reputation. Clifton asked if the faculty could talk to their students about scholarships.

5.  Student Representative – Absent

6.  Old Business – Tillman reported that accreditation will be mandated by 2013 and it is a hot topic right now. She also applauded the program for going out into the rural areas!

7.  Affiliation Reports

    A.  Texas Tech – Smooth reported that SIM Central is doing well. They have 3000 students the first year opened, and since then, all the classes have been full. The move is to have a free standing 30,000 sq.ft. Simulation Hospital located on the vacant land adjacent to Texas Tech. It will include large conference rooms for meetings, kitchen areas, and seating for 250 people.

B.   Northwest Texas Hospital – Hessler reported that they are enjoying the students and hope that the facility is providing everything the students need.

C.   Amarillo Independent School District- Stanhope reported that they currently have 6 students. Stanhope is talking with Rita Wilson at AC's Tech Prep regarding funding for an expansion of the curriculum over two semesters. Stanhope is visiting with Adcock regarding an articulation agreement or dual credit between AC & AISD.  Adcock added that Canyon ISD has 8 students.

D.   BSA/EMS – Perkins reported that everything is going well especially since the department is now fully staffed.  He added that he has hired two students already.

E.   Panhandle Regional Advisory Council – Vaughn reported that they hosted a manual extraction team and had 78 students in attendance.  He would like to get AC more involved with PRAC.   He added that PRAC might be able to help defray some of the cost of the CCEMT course.

8.   Ex-Officio's Report

A.   Report from Program Director – Adcock reported that the program has lots of students! Seventeen students in the advanced program will test in May for the National Registry, and will graduate in May as well. Hopefully, there will be 41 students graduating from the Basic EMT classes. The recertification class offered in Amarillo is small with six students. He would like to see those numbers increase. The off-campus recertification classes currently have ten students. So far for the advanced class offered spring 2011 there are 22 students registered.   The CCEMTP certified 7 students last summer and the class will be offered again next summer on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:00-5:00 for $675.00. The program hopes to submit their first accreditation information very soon.

Clarendon College would like to start a Paramedic Program and Amarillo College has agreed to partner with them.  Adcock is currently their coordinator.

The Amarillo Fire Department Advanced Program has eight Paramedics and 16 Intermediate level students in "B" and 16 Intermediate level students in "A".  The goal of the AFD is to have a Paramedic on every fire engine.

Accreditation NREMT/DSHS is mandated by January 2013 and the anticipated site visit will be spring 2011, and hopes the program to be accredited by fall 2011.

B.   Report from Faculty – Olsen reported that there is a new program that allows the students to schedule their own days or nights in clinic. Olsen gave members of the advisory committee (non-ex-officio) a survey to fill out for accreditation purposes.

Whitfield asked that the employer surveys that were sent out, please be returned as soon as possible as they are needed for accreditation. Whitfield added that the EMSP students are guests when doing their clinic rotations and if a student acts

up or are a burden, send them home, and then write an incident report.  He asked Hessler from NWTH if it would be possible if the intermediate and advanced students could do two 8 hour rotations with a physician. Accreditation asks that there be direct doctor/ student involvement. Hessler said that she would talk with Dr. Morgan and get back with him. Also, anyone interested in teaching part-time for the program, please let them know.

C.    Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr Lowery-Hart – Absent

D.    Dean of Health Sciences – Crawford thanked everyone for their services and for allowing are students to come in to their facilities. Everyone on the committee received a copy of the Advisory Committee Handbook to look over.

9.    Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Executive Secretary. _____