

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 7, 2011

SUMMARY NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Bob Banks, Cynthia Creswell, Steve Warren, Ann Sanders, Samantha Patterson, Jim Cameron, Paul Walker,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie McMordie

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Moller, Margie Vitale

HISTORY OF PROGRAM

The Substance Abuse Counseling Program began in 1991. There were six inpatient treatment units in Amarillo – all are gone now. The enrollment grew in 1992 due to the teaching at the Clements Unit. Ten years ago, due to low enrollment, Bob started teaching half DAAC classes and half psychology.

CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAM

Currently there are an average of 20 students enrolled in DAAC classes. Bob plans to retire at the end of Spring 2012. At this time there are minimal resources available for help with addiction. The community, as a whole, doesn't support substance abuse rehabilitation. Therefore, there is no demand or funds for continuing the program.

REMARKS BY JERRY MOLLER

When Bob retires next year it won't be possible to justify hiring a replacement for his position. So the Substance Abuse Counseling Program will be discontinued in May 2012. The plan is for Bob to continue teaching all the DAAC courses possible between now and his retirement. Hopefully, this will allow the students currently enrolled to finish or make plans to transfer to another college.

Jerry expressed appreciation to the Board's efforts and commitment to the program. Jerry praised Bob for his "exceptional job through thick and thin". He also complimented his teaching psychology courses.

DISCUSSION

Cynthia stated that interns will have to finish without Sue to oversee practicums. She said that they will have to go back to the way it was 20 years ago.

Margie said it will be a challenge to get the current DAAC students through all the classes they need in such a short time since most of them work during the day.

Online possibilities as an option was discussed.

Minutes taken by:

Cheryl Gailey