

DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY MEETING
October 23, 2002 @ 11:45 A.M.
“A” Building, Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Hollifield – Chairperson, Gail Tipton, Dr. Harrison, Kim Roten, Robin Herring, Janice Snyder.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Duncan, Dr. Coury, Tamera Fox, Dr. Karr, Dr. Woodburn.

EX-OFFICIO’S PRESENT: Donna Cleere, Bill Crawford, Dr. Henderson, Jane McFarland, Jnita Collins, Marianne Jones.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Melissa Baine

1. Welcome – Dr. Hollifield, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the December 7, 2002, meeting were approved as written.
3. Counseling Center – Ms. Jones reported that the college is in the process of devising a new and improved “counseling and advising” plan in hopes of immediately teaming up the “new” student and program director and/or faculty of a specific degree or certificate plan that interests the student.
4. Continuing Health Care – Mr. Doiron was unable to attend the meeting, however, he left handouts on a HIPPA Workshop, and an AIDS Workshop. If anyone is interested in attending one of these, you can call (806)354-6085.
5. Old Business
 - A. Program Review – Last summer the dental program underwent an institutional program review, as well as the other 11 Allied Health programs. Attached are the commendations, concerns, and recommendations that were given by the Program Review Committee. Ms. Cleere is in the process of responding to the concerns and recommendations.
 - B. DH Board Exam Testing – Mr. Crawford wanted to know if AC would or could ever be used as a testing site for the dental hygiene state boards. Ms. Collins stated that the clinic is not equipped to handle all the students that would be taking their state boards and that it would just not be feasible at this time. Mr. Crawford would like to leave this subject on the table for future discussion.
 - C. HIPPA – Ms. Cleere has some concerns on the new HIPPA regulations and how it will affect the clinic. The clinic has been in the process of revamping all patient records and charts to be in compliance with HIPAA regulations.
6. New Business – Ms. Cleere reported that it was Amarillo College’s turn to host the Annual Texas Dental Hygienists Association Session and Student Conference which was held in Houston on October 10-12, 2002. Ms. Cleere stated that it is difficult to find part-time and/or full-time dental hygienists to

help out in the clinic or to teach a course, and feels that it would be very beneficial to encourage dental hygiene students to teach after they graduate. Ms. Cleere informed the committee that currently there are 21 dental hygiene schools within the state of Texas. Ms. Cleere reported that there is no longer a dental hygienist working at the Community Dental Clinic, therefore, the dental hygiene students that are doing their rotations through there are not being supervised as well as they should be. The committee recommended, for the time being, the college should probably not use the Community Dental Clinic as an affiliation site.

7. Dental Hygiene Class Report – Ms. Collins reported that there are currently 30 freshmen students and the students are doing very well. Ms. McFarland reported that there are 26 sophomore students and the students are doing well.
8. Student Representative Report – Ms. Bain is taking three classes this semester and everything is going very well. She enjoys going to the different clinical sites. Ms. Bain also mentioned that the students are getting geared up for their Mock Boards that will be held on November 15 & 21.
9. Other Business – Ms. Collins stated that she and other faculty encourage the students to become active in the profession by attending workshops and conferences.

Dr. Hollifield suggested that the clinic charge patients a little more money for the more difficult prophys. Ms. Cleere will take this under advisement.

Mr. Crawford extended a huge appreciation to Dr. Hollifield for all of his support and hard work over the years that he has given to Amarillo College and the dental clinic.

Dr. Henderson hooked up the new projector that the clinic bought to show the committee a great slide show of the students working in the clinic.

10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant, on October 23, 2002.
