

**DENTIST AIDE PROGRAM**  
**Minutes –October 31, 2007 @ 7:30 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Vaclav – Chairperson, Dr. Wilkie, Angela Kemp, Stephanie Lindsey, Candace Hurley, Pam Smith, Bobby Quintana

**EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT:** Dana Scott, Dr. Matney, Bill Crawford

1. Welcome – Ms. Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Absent
4. Student Representative(s) Report – Ms. Hurley and Mr. Quintana reported that the class has started taking x-rays and impressions. The class has taken the Nitrous Oxide test and has not received their results yet. The class will start their practicum rotation in January.
5. Director's Report – Ms. Scott reported that EagleSoft has been installed for running the clinic and charting. The student will start charting in a few weeks. A survey was sent to all dentists in the surrounding areas and the majority of the dentists use EagleSoft in their office.

The committee talked about accreditation for the program. Ms. Scott said that the student would have to have clinic time first (at the school) before sending students out to the clinic if the program was accredited and right now that is not an option. Also the students would need more clinic time in the dental offices. It was asked if the bond election passed could the program be accredited. Ms. Scott said that the program would have to expand its clinic area. She added that if the dentists decide that the program needed to be accredited now would be the time to look into it.

Dr. Wilkie and Dr. Vaclav said that dental assistants are a very important part of a dental office. In fact, Dr. Vaclav said that in his opinion dental hygienists should be dental assistants first for

at least two years. He feels that they would give hygienist a broader base of education.

Ms. Scott reported that 15 students started the program and has lost 4 for personal reasons.

Dental Assistant's salaries are about \$8-\$10 an hour.

7. Part-Time Faculty Report – Ms. Smith said that she would like to see expanded duties for dental assistants in the future. She said that in San Antonio, dental assistants can place sealants if they work for a Medicaid Doctor.
6. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.

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