

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONS
April 7, 2005

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wade Olsen – Chairperson, Bryan VanMeter, Jean Whitehead, Sharon Tillman.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: John Smoot, Doug Adcock, Paul Whitfield, Bill Crawford, Susan McClure, Dr. Matney.

1. Welcome – Olsen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the April 1, 2004, meeting, were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Absent
4. Allied Health Counselor – McClure reported that there was a 30% increase in Allied Health majors over the past two years. Registration for summer and fall will start April 18 @ 6:00 a.m. Students can register on-line, by telephone, or with their advisor.
5. Texas DSHS – Tillman reported that she and two other members will be conducting a site visit for this department on May 24 & 25.
6. Student Representative – VanMeter reported that the students will be selling t-shirts; participating in a bake sale during Badgerama; participating in Spring Fling with a duck pond; public education & CPR classes.
7. Medical Director's Report – Absent
8. Director's Report – Smoot introduced Doug Adcock, new faculty, for the EMSP program. Welcome aboard Doug!

The Basic EMT course hours have increased from 164 to 176 which will allow the student to better their skills and be more marketable. Also, the clinic has increased to 48 hours. The intermediate course was 208 hours and increased to 248 clinical hours; the advanced course was 248 hours and increased to 288 clinical hours.

Six students will be graduating this May with an Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services Professions. All six graduates will sit for the National Registry.

Whitfield has been teaching many ECA and Refresher courses at Pantex.

Smoot reported that due to a grant from DSHS, he will be doing an EMT and Refresher course at Boys Ranch and have 17 students enrolled already.

Smoot and Whitfield taught two BDLS courses. One was a 48 hour course offered last fall, and the other was a 16 hour course offered this spring. There were 20 students enrolled in the 16 hour course, and all of them passed the exit exam. Smoot has plans to teach a 16 hour BDLS course to Northwest Texas Hospital employees on June 23-24. BSA employees were also invited to participate. An advanced course will be offered in July or first of August (ADLS). The paperwork was started for AC to be a training site and Smoot will work with Jeff Doiron's office once approved.

Smoot reported that the student's on the Paramedic Level and Advanced Level took the National Registry for the first time with a 92% pass rate.

All allied health majors must pass a criminal background check before going to clinic. The cost is \$48.50 to the student. Once the background check is completed a director can go online and check the status of the background check. If a student has an "alert" the student's name and social security number is sent to the Human Resource Department at VA, NWTN and BSA and they will advise the college whether or not they will accept that student for clinic rotations.

All allied health majors must show proof of their childhood immunizations before going to clinic, and they must have all three series of Hepatitis B, and show immunities to Chickenpox. This is mandated by DSHS. There was a lengthy discussion regarding immunizations. Tillman, from DSHS, said that she would do some research on the matter.

9. Other Business – Dr. Matney stated that he appreciates John, Paul and Doug, for their professionalism, and their loyalty to the program and to Amarillo College.
10. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.
