

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONS ADVISORY MINUTES

October 24, 2008 @ 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buddy Todd – Chairperson, Anita Aaron, Brandon Fansler, Derek Vaughan, Perry Perkins, Mark Rowh, April Newton, Elizabeth Sample, Jean Whitehead, Sharon Tillman, Linda Stanhope.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Doug Adcock, Paul Whitfield, Wade Olsen, Bill Crawford, Cherie Clifton.

1. Welcome – Buddy Todd, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the October 27, 2007, meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Healthcare Education – Absent
4. Advising/Counselor – Clifton reported that she has lots of inquiries about the EMSP program.
5. Student Representative Report – Fansler reported that the students will be selling Cokes and snacks for a fundraiser this year.
6. Medical Director – Absent (out-of-town)
7. Director's Report

The program graduated 8 students in May, 6 NR, 1 retake, 1 has not taken exam yet. In the current advanced class there are 13 students and they plan on graduating in May, good class, and very energetic. Currently, there are 28 Basic EMT students, 11 students are taking the recertification class. From fall 2007-spring 2008, there were 98 Basic EMT students. There are no off campus Basic EMT classes at this time, however, AACAL will be starting two new classes, and Canyon will start one class. The Hereford Campus Basic EMT class did not make this semester, but will offer another class in the spring. The program is still doing

monthly training at the fire department out at Pantex. CE training offered at RICO Aviation, Moore County EMS, and plenty of calls to teach ACLS, PALS, and PHTLS regionally. The program is taking applications for the advanced class that will be offered in January, and the deadline is November 15. Due to a shortage of Paramedics, it has caused some problems in the surrounding areas. Regionally, and initially, online advanced courses were to “expedite” certification, however, online courses are requiring 900 hours, which does not seem to be very expedient.

The Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport course will be offered June 1- June 30, 2009, at \$675 per person. All advisory members were given the registration flyer.

The proposed program changes are:

- Add Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport Paramedic course
- Change Emergency Pharmacology course to a two hour course
- Add Assessment Based Management as required capstone
- Add Operations as a required course in the fall semester of the advanced curriculum
- Delete Methods of Teaching EMS from the curriculum

Attached were supporting documents given to all voting members of the advisory committee. *All members were in favor and approved the curriculum changes for the fall 2009 curriculum.*

National Registry Results – See handouts

Accreditation for the program mandated by the NREMT & DSHS is January 1, 2013. Adcock has the initial application paperwork started, and has set a timeline and will assign tasks to begin January 2009. He anticipates a site visit in spring 2010, and hopes to have the program accredited by fall 2010.

Amarillo Fire Department’s four cadets successfully completed the summer Basic EMT class.

The EMSP Program Peer Review was completed and is now being evaluated by the Peer Review Committee.

Due to the passing of the AC Bond Election, the program will receive money to expand the lab in 177. Also, carpet was installed in 177.

Adcock and Olsen will continue to pursue their M. Ed from ENMU. Whitfield has applied for rank (associate professor) and tenure this fall. Adcock will apply for rank (assistant professor) in the spring.

8. Faculty Report – Olsen reported on Career Clusters, which means, federal grant money as well as Carl Perkins money has collaborated to capture students early to take courses in high school that will lead to a degree. Everyone will be getting a survey in the mail. Also, the EMSP program offered a Basic EMT class for the DOE's Federal Marshal, employees (17 students). It was a 40 hour a week course, for three weeks (3 weeks in between each class week) as the faculty had to work around the Federal Marshal's schedules. These particular students had the highest average of any Basic EMT course since 1990.

Whitfield stated that he was grateful to be at Amarillo College. He said that Amarillo College has led EMS education throughout the state, and other programs model their curriculum and program after AC's program. Amarillo College is working hard at moving the program from a vocational level to a professional level. Due to the shortage of Paramedics, Adcock has been in constant contact with Borger and Clarendon to build a friendly coalition so that EMS education is equitable for all concerned.

9. Other business – Tillman reported that Anita Aaron is the new Field Consultant, as she took Denny Martin's place.

10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Mark Rowh and written and submitted by Kim Lacey
