

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONS ADVISORY

## MINUTES

October 22, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Todd – Chairperson, Derek Vaughan, Perry Perkins, Linda Stanhope, Jaimy Torrez, Jean Whitehead, Bill Risner, Mark Rowh

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

1. Welcome – Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the October 24, 2008, meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Absent
4. Advising & Counseling – Clifton reported that Amarillo College has a record enrollment of 11,000 students this year. She is excited about the new endeavor between Amarillo College's EMSP program and the Amarillo Fire Department.
5. Student Representative Report – Absent
6. Texas Department of State Health Services Report – Absent
7. Medical Director's Report – Absent. Adcock reported that the program has a new Medical Director, Dr. Darrell Morgan.
8. Director's Report – Adcock reported that there were 12 graduates from spring 2008, and 8 passed the National Registry (NR), two will retake the NR, and two have not taken the NR. In the current advanced class, nine students plan on graduating in May 2010. There are currently 40 students in the Basic EMT class, and nine students in the Recertification class. Off campus there were 14 students at Boys Ranch, and 11 graduated in June. Last spring AACAL, had two Basic EMT classes, and Canyon had one Basic EMT class. In spring 2010, AACAL will have two more Basic EMT classes, Canyon will have one Basic EMT class, and Highland Park will offer one Basic EMT class. The Hereford Campus Basic EMT class did not make this time around. Currently the EMSP program has 13 applications for the advanced class and will continue to accept applications through November 15. Regionally, initially, the online advanced courses were to "expedite" certification, however, it requires 900 hours.

The Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport course that was offered last summer had 12 students, and nine students were certified. Next summer, the course will be offered again, June 7-July 7 every Monday and Tuesday at the cost of \$675.00.

The curriculum changes that were voted on and accepted by the advisory committee last year went to Academic Affairs and were approved.

Accreditation NREMT/DSHS is mandated by January 1, 2013 and the anticipated site visit will be spring 2011, and the program should be accredited by fall 2011.

Steven W. Jones Hall should be completed by fall 2010. The new building will house Nursing and Dental facilities. Also, AH 177 will become a dedicated classroom to the EMSP program.

Wade Olsen completed his M. Ed from ENMU, and Doug Adcock will complete his M. Ed from ENMU in the spring. Also, Paul Whitfield received his rank and tenure as Associate Professor and Doug Adcock received his rank as Assistant Professor. Way to go!

9. Faculty Reports

Paul Whitfield- Whitfield welcomed their new Medical Director, Dr. Morgan, and asked for a motion and vote regarding an on-campus office for him. Stanhope and Whitehead made a motion that Dr. Morgan receives an office, and all other members unanimously agreed. Attrition rate was discussed and Whitfield stated that current student attitudes more than any other identifiable factors attribute to the attrition rate. Perkins agreed, citing similar attitudes among recent hires for his service. Whitfield thanked the committee members for their support and encouraged them to be enthusiastic and proactive during the accreditation process. Whitfield also pointed out the need for paramedic and nursing personnel to document and assess clinical performance of the students, and all agreed.

Wade Olsen – Olsen reported on the college's efforts towards career cluster alignment, specifically with WIDS (Worldwide Instructional Design System) software program. Also, Olsen will offer a class hybrid, as well as online, next fall semester.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

