

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONS

APRIL 1, 2004 @ 3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Martin – Program Director Medical Laboratory Technology, Eric Lynn-Director for PEMSS, Sharon Tillman – Texas Department of Health, David Garcia – Student Representative.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: John Smoot – Program Director, Paul Whitfield – Associate Professor, Cathy Nelson - Faculty, Bill Crawford – Division Chair, Marianne Jones – West Campus Counselor,

1. WELCOME – Mr. Lynn, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. INTRODUCTIONS – Members introduced themselves and the sites they represent.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –The minutes of the March 13, 2003, meeting were approved as written.
4. DR. NEUMANN - Absent
5. JEFF DOIRON – Absent
6. MARIANNE JONES – Summer and fall registration will start April 19, 2004. The class schedule can be accessed on the internet.
7. SHARON TILLMAN- A TDH site visit is being planned for the program and Ms. Tillman will notify Mr. Smoot of the particulars when she knows more.
8. OLD BUSINESS -
 - NATIONAL REGISTRY – The program is continuing to improve the pass rate for the National Registry.
 - TDH SELF STUDY - The TDH self study was completed last summer and the program received approval.
 - PARAMEDIC TO RN BRIDGE – Has been stopped by the Nursing program. No immediate plans to revise it, but Mr. Smoot will continue to inform Sheryl Mueller that there is still interest and desire for this program to happen.
 - EMSP COURSE - There are five Basic EMT classes held each year and most have anywhere from 25-30 students in each class. How many of these students go on to become paramedics? Mr. Smoot said that he would need to come up with a survey to find that information.

9. NEW BUSINESS -

DEGREE PLAN CHANGES – Mr. Smoot presented the committee with a curriculum proposal to delete the three hour elective course and replace it with a three hour Emergency Pharmacology course. A motion was made to accept the change and all voting members approved.

PAUL WHITFIELD – Mr. Smoot welcomed Paul Whitfield back to the program. Mr. Whitfield left Pantex to come back and teach and along with that he also has kept the communication lines open with Pantex which is being utilized as an affiliation and will generate about 2400 contact hours for the college. Welcome back Paul!

PEMSS AFFILIATION – Mr. Smoot began work on approaching PEMSS to provide continuing education services within 26 counties. The program has been doing in-kind agreements with PEMSS for quite sometime and hopes to continue the affiliation.

BIO-TERRORISM COURSE –Amarillo College has been chosen by University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio to train responders about bio-terrorism. This program as well as all other Allied Health programs will be involved in incorporating the course(s) into their curriculum. A stand alone course will be taught by the EMSP program and/or three or four clock hour modules that have to do with bio-terrorism. This \$2 million grant is being sponsored through Homeland Security. The college hopes to have the course(s) ready by the fall semester.

10. PARAMEDIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION – Mr. Garcia reported they are planning on participating in many CPR classes and will participate in this year's Spring Fling.

11. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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