

**MEDICAL DATA SPECIALIST PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 14, 2005 @ 11:45 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Misty Harvey, Laura Bacon, Janet Lewis, Richard Fowler, Linda Mowry, Lonetta Ingram, Jan Martin, Lynda McCarty.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Judy Massie, Bill Crawford, Susan McClure, Jeff Doiron, Pilar Suarez.

1. Welcome – Harvey, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves and the sites they represent.
3. Minutes – The minutes were approved as written.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – Doiron reminded the committee if they are interested in developing a CE program to call 354-6086. There will be a legal workshop offered this fall sometime and information on the workshop is available by calling Amarillo College. Doiron reported that there have been some minor changes in HIPAA but nothing worth reporting.
5. Allied Health Counselor – McClure is the new counselor for allied health and nursing majors. She reported there has been a 30% student increase of Allied Health majors over the last two years. Registration for summer and fall starts Monday, April 18. The last day a student can drop a spring class is Tuesday, May 19. There have been many inquiries for the MDS program. The MDS program had 3 textbooks evaluated and all three are at the 14th grade level. The last day to drop a class is April 19.
6. Student Representative – Bacon will go through the graduation ceremony on May 13 and will officially graduate at the end of the summer after during her clinic rotation; and is excited about going out into the workforce and making money. Bacon said that she has a whole new respect for the program and the instructors in the MDS program; and has learned a lot.
7. Director's Report – Massie reported that 12 MDS majors will graduate this year. The Medical Terminology I classes are going well, but due to the language barrier, some students struggle with the class. Martin suggested that students be required to take an ESL class before taking Medical Terminology. McClure said that it is illegal (discriminatory

issue). All allied health majors must complete a criminal background check before enrolling in practicum. The cost to the student is \$48.50. All immunizations must be complete before students start practicum also. The issue of certified coders was brought up. Some have said that they have heard that Medicare will require certified coders. Three new clinic sites have been added:

Mr. Crawford asked if the college needs to look into the HIT program. The committee agreed that there are really not enough jobs in Amarillo for HIT's. Most HIT's work in a hospital setting.

8. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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