

**MEDICAL DATA SPECIALST PROGRAM
ADVISORY MEETING
April 23, 2002 @ 12:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson, Tanya Fraley-TTUHSC, Katheryn Garnett - NWTH, Charolotte Woodring - Texas Tech, Jan Bohachef - Director MLT Program, Ginny Gass - Director OTA Program, Kyle King - Student Representative, Janet Lewis - AISD, Richard Fowler - Medical Business Assoc., Jonel Bell - NWTH.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Judy Massie - Program Director, Bill Crawford - Division Chair of Allied Health, Marianne Jones - West Campus Counselor.

1. Call to Order - Ms. Fraley called the meeting to order.
2. Introductions - Members introduced themselves and the sites they represent.
3. Minutes - The May 3, 2001, minutes were approved as written.
4. Counseling Center - Ms. Jones reported that advanced summer registration started. Graduation will be held May 9, at 7:00 P.M. at the Civic Center.
5. Continuing Health Care Education - Mr. Doiron was absent. Ms. Massie reminded everyone that there will be a HIPAA Workshop held on Friday, May 3.
6. Old Business
 - A. Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS) - Mr. Crawford gave an overview of the SACS visit in November. Amarillo College received 3 commendations, which is almost unheard of. The final report will be given to the college this summer.
 - B. AAMA Conference - Ms. Massie attended the conference in Buffalo, NY. The conference was excellent and she hopes to attend the AAMA Conference in Portland, OR.
7. New Business
 - A. Outstanding Major - Ms. Massie introduced Ms. Kyle King. She stated that Ms. King is an excellent student and will make a great employee! Ms. King reported that the program is great but the

Coding course is difficult because there is so much information to absorb in such a short period of time. Some discussion followed about extending the MDS Program and that would make some students TASP vulnerable, which could exclude them.

- B. Practicum - Students will be starting their clinical rotation soon and as always new clinical sites are welcome!
 - C. Enrollment Status - Enrollment this year is excellent. There were 13 graduates last year and all are currently employed. There should be 20 graduates this year.
 - D. Other Business - Ms. Massie stated that she was hearing that some doctor's offices in Dallas and Houston are wanting Certified Coders and she feels that is the going trend. In order to pass the National Certification Examination, Coders will need at least 3 - 4 years experience before taking the test because the test is very difficult.
8. Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

The minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant, on April 22, 2002.
