

MEDICAL DATA SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

11/10/10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Misty Harvey – Chairperson, Tanya Fraley – TTUHSC, Janet Martin – Director MLT Program, Janet Lewis – Retired AISD, Lonetta Ingram – Maverick Enterprise, Lesa Rubsamén – Plum Creek Hospital, Leesa Detten – Amarillo Heart Group, Shelley Berry – BSA, Karen Smith & Misty Williams – J.O. Wyatt Clinic, Blanca Herrera – Hereford Clinic, Dell Sloman & Dave Paden – Student Representatives.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Katheryn Garnett – NWTH, M'air Hernandez – Coding Specialist, Jane Howk – Ascension Academy.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Judy Massie – Program Director, Bill Crawford – Dean of Health Sciences, Dr. Lowery-Hart – VP of Academic Affairs, Kim Crowley – Director Continuing Health Care Education, Cherie Clifton – Health Science Advisor.

1. Appointment of Chairperson – Harvey was appointed the new Chairperson for 2010-2011.
2. Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves and the site they represent.
3. Continuing Education Report – Crowley reported that she and Massie have been discussing the prospect of using Medical Terminology I & II, Human Disease and Pathophysiology, Ambulatory Coding, Coding and Classification Systems, and Coding and Reimbursement Methodologies, as CE link courses and looking into CE workshops to include ICD-10.
4. Health Science Advisor – Clifton reported that AC is at record enrollment with 11,800 students this fall – 6% increase – and contact hours are up almost 9%. Also, she commended the program for updating the MDS program to the three option curriculum. Spring registration started Monday!
5. Student Representatives – Paden and Sloman reported that they both enjoy the MDS classes and are learning a lot and feel that they will be well prepared when looking for work. Paden added that it would be nice if the A&P for Medical Assistants was offered in the spring semester. He was also disappointed that this program was only offered as a certificate program. Dean Crawford added the MDS program is unique in that it is the only program in the state of Texas. Several years ago he and Ms. Massie took the

program to the Texas Higher Education Board to try and change it to an Associate Degree and it was turned down.

6. Old Business – Massie reported that ICD-10 will not take effect until 2013 and she and her faculty will be trying to attend workshops during that time to learn the new system.
7. Affiliation Reports – Several affiliations taking students are very impressed with the student’s knowledge and the students always seem to do well.
8. Ex-Officio Reports
 - A. Program Director – Massie reported that she spoke to approximately 50 high school counselors last week about the program – lots of feedback from the counselors. The program graduated five students last year. Currently the program has 30 majors and hopes to keep them all! Interestingly enough, over half the students would like to take all three pathways. Jane Howk, instructor for the Health Care Spanish, is working on developing the class into a hybrid course (half time in class & half time online).
 - B. Vice President for Academic Affairs – Dr. Lowery-Hart expressed how thankful he is was to be here and to learn how much Amarillo College is truly the heart of the community. He added that the college in the near future will be funded on how many completers there are and feels that the MDS program’s three-pathway option certainly fits well within that scope of thinking.
 - C. Dean of Health Sciences – Crawford thanked everyone for all their support and that without them this program would not exist. Crawford went over the Advisory Handbook with the committee members.
9. New Business - Dean Crawford asked if Milan was any competition. Massie stated that there is a new proprietary school in town, Vista College. Both are very expensive and do not teach near what the MDS program teaches. Some of the committee members added that they have actually had a few students of both schools and they were not impressed.
10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey,
Executive Secretary. _____