

## **MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY – ADVISORY MEETING**

**MINUTES – April 23, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judy Massie – Chairperson (Medical Data Specialist Program @ Amarillo College, Diane Davis (VA Hospital), Jacob Higgins (MLT Student Representative), Linda Bush (Physicians Preferred Laboratory), Tony Black (Coon Memorial Hospital), Mike Black (Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital), Denise Marnell (Hereford Regional Hospital), Rebecca Lowrance ( Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital).

**EX-OFFICIO’S PRESENT:** Jan Martin (Program Director), Kim Boyd & Deanna Harville (Instructors), Bill Crawford (Dean of Health Sciences), Cherie Clifton (Counselor & Advisor).

1. Welcome & Introductions – Massie, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the April 24, 2009, were approved as written.
3. Allied Health Counselor & Advisor – Clifton reported that summer and fall registration is well underway with record enrollment and contact hours. Spring Fling will be at West Campus, May 6 from 11:00-1:00. The theme this year is Retro-70’s!
4. Continuing Healthcare Education – Absent
5. Student Representative Report – Higgins reported that everything is going well. His least favorite class was Microbiology, and his favorite class was Chemistry. The MLT Club is doing well this year raising money for the pinning ceremony.
6. Director’s Report

Last year Martin volunteered her program and herself as a trainer for the new CMS System Software for Amarillo College, which went live last summer and it seems to be successful. The format Black Board and has since been changed to Angel. Angel seems to be more user friendly with lots of extra cool tools.

The lab will undergo some renovations, possibly this fall, or next spring. The lab will be divided into two rooms, one area for lab, and one area for a dedicated classroom.

Martin feels that community service is very important and has incorporated that into the program. This weekend the faculty and students, and some spouses, will be participating

in the March of Dimes Walk. Higgins added that he will also be participating in a golf tournament to support Autism, as April is Autism month.

Martin reported that Yoko Haimes is the programs Outstanding Major this year. Haimes is an excellent student and she is the secretary for the MLT Club.

Currently students are required to take Health Care Spanish (2 credit hour course). Martin would like to remove that class as a required course, and replace it with a three hour elective, which could include Health Care Spanish, Medical Terminology II, Medical Law Ethics, or a Computer Class. *The committee made a motion to accept the proposed change, and all were in favor.*

## 7. Faculty Reports

Boyd thanked everyone for all their donations to the program! The current in-house blood banking course will be taught in the hospital this fall. Students are doing rotations in Dalhart, and the hospital provides a house for those out-of-town students to stay. Those rotations seem to be going well. Boyd will be teaching a clinical preparation course during the summer (4-Fridays). Lab Week is next week and the students have been working on their tri-boards for display in the AH Atrium. Also, the students will be having a bake sale next week to raise money for their pinning ceremony that will be July 2. Boyd is working on an employment survey which will be online and emailed out soon. For the fall semester, Boyd has interviewed 12 students, so far. There are 16 freshmen that will continue on into the fall semester. Boyd will be attending the ASCLS/CLEC Conference this fall which will be held in Florida.

Harville reported that there are six sophomores and six freshmen in the on-line program. There will be five graduates this year. Harville had three interviews last Friday for the fall semester and hopes to be doing more interviews throughout the summer. A big thank you to Health Science Center, United Blood Center, UMC and the EMSP program at South Plains for all their donations! The students will be having a Schwann's Food Fundraiser in the parking lot of South Plains College to raise money. The students will receive 50% of those proceeds. Harville contacted United Supermarket regarding immunizations and they agreed to give our students shots for a reduced price. Also, Harville passed that information on to the EMSP & Nursing programs at South Plains College. Harville attended a Career Expo which was to recruit the surrounding high school students to South Plains College. Harville attended the ASCLA/CLEC conference in Mississippi last year and she said that she was able to do a lot of networking and appreciates the college allowing her to go.

## 8. Affiliation Reports- Nothing to report

9. Other Business – BSA will have a regional workshop on July 21<sup>st</sup> and will talk about HEP & Molecular testing, and also have a few management workshops. Invitations will be sent out to everyone. It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to contact Amarillo College’s Continuing Health Care Department as they can help with those types of workshops. They will do all the legwork, and make and issue the certificates as well.
10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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

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