

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY – ADVISORY MEETING
Minutes – April 28, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Rollins, John Winters, Judy Massie, Linda Stanhope, Cynthia Pratt, Kay Rowland

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Jan Martin, Kim Boyd, Susan McClure, Bill Crawford

1. Welcome – Ms. Massie, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made around the table.
3. Continuing Healthcare Education – Mr. Doiron reminded the committee that if there is an interest in setting up a workshop relating to their field to call him at 354-6085.
4. Allied Health Counselor – Ms. McClure is the new allied health/nursing division advisor. The Medical Terminology textbook was evaluated and is at the 14th grade level. Students must be able to read at a college level in order to sign up for Medical Terminology I. Registration for summer and fall has started and is going well. Ms. McClure has had some inquiries for the MLT program. There are 37 declared MLT majors. Allied Health has had a 30% increase in students over the last two years.
5. Student Representative Report – Ms. Pratt reported that the students have been raising money for their pinning ceremony. They have had bake sales, and a cookie jar sale. Ms. Pratt said that going through the program has been good experience.
6. Director's Report – Ms. Martin reported that Kim Boyd will graduate with her Bachelor's degree this May from WTAMU. Biology 2421 Microbiology course has been dropped from the curriculum and has been replaced by a more flexible course MDCA 1409 Anatomy & Physiology for Medical Assistants and is being taught by Ms. Martin. All allied health majors must now have a criminal background check completed before starting their clinic rotations. The cost to the student is \$52.02. According to the Texas State Health Department it is required that all allied health students complete their immunization including Varicella before starting clinic rotations. The Bio-Terrorism module is now offered on-line and the sophomores are taking it now. A Title IV Grant, a new source of funding with South Plains College out of Levelland is in the developmental stages of starting an online medical laboratory technology program. The lectures will be online and the labs

will be held at Amarillo College. Ms. Martin hopes this will increase student enrollment. Ms. Martin attended a site visit at Wichita State Technical College over spring break. She said it was interesting, but was glad to get back to Amarillo College.

8. Clinical Coordinator – Ms. Boyd reported that 8 sophomores will graduate in May. Out of 10 freshmen that started last fall, there are only four left. She reported that she has completed 12 student interviews for this fall. Dumas Hospital and VA Hospital have been very kind to the program and has made some equipment donations over the last year. Ms. Rowland asked if it was possible for the students to stay longer at their facility because students seem to forget some of the information given to them while doing their rotations. Ms. Boyd said that they will consider it. Ms. Pratt added that CI's have told her that they would like for students to stay longer too. Ms. Stanhope stated that when she went through the MLT program years ago, that they started their rotations in their first semester. Ms. Martin replied that the CI's at the affiliations have requested that they would like the students to have some basic knowledge before sending them to their facilities.
9. Other Business - Mr. Rollins reported that the VA will not be taking any MT's in the fall. Because of the shortage, some facilities are paying students \$11.00 an hour to do their clinic rotations.
10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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