

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY – ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes

Friday, April 27, 2007 @ 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Massie – Chairperson (Higher Education Representative), Dale Rollins (Thomas E. Creek VA) Thomas Birkbeck (Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital), Steve Dutton (Amarillo College Biology Department), Mark Lovett (Student Representative), Carol Jackson (Hereford Regional Medical Center), Kim Leggett (Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic), Rebecca Oldham (Coffee Memorial), Rita Thompson (Hemphill County Hospital).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Hall (Pampa Medical Center), Cherie Hays (Northwest Texas Health Care Systems), Linda Bush (Physicians Preferred Laboratory), Linda Dwight (Childress Regional Medical Center), Tony Black (Coon Memorial Hospital), Ron Fells (Plains Regional Medical Center), Mark Norman (Eastern New Mexico Medical Center), Zela Young (Moore County Hospital), Cynthia Pratt (Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital).

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Jan Martin – Director (MLT Program), Kim Boyd-Education Director (MLT Program), Dr. Matney –Vice President & Dean Of Instruction, Pilar Suarez – Director, Continuing Health Care Education.

1. Welcome – Judy Massie, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the meeting following the luncheon.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made around the table.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Ms. Suarez reported that she and Ms. Boyd have been discussing the prospect of starting an on-line Phlebotomy course through Amarillo College.
4. Student Representative Report – Mr. Lovett reported that the students have had several fundraisers including a bake sale this past week. The pinning ceremony is scheduled at the end of June and all advisory members will receive an invitation. Mr. Lovett thanked the clinical supervisors and the MLT instructors for all their help over the last two years. Ms. Martin added that Mr. Lovett is this year's Outstanding Major, MLT Club President, and has done an excellent job incorporating great interaction between the sophomore and freshmen students.
5. Director's Report

NAACLS Accreditation Summary – The site visit went very well. The summary of the visit is attached. There were no recommendations or concerns from the team. In fact, the team remarked that they have doing site visits for a long time and that this program was the best that they had ever seen. The team was very impressed with the support and participation of the clinical supervisors, Advisory Board Members, AC Administration, and support staff. Dr. Matney added that he sat in on both the early morning meeting and the exit visit with the team and they commented that this program was outstanding and that Amarillo College was very lucky to have Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd. Ms. Martin added that the NAACLS Board will meet July 13 & 14, 2007, and has no doubt that the program will receive full accreditation.

MLT Online Program – The online program is a cooperative effort between South Plains and Amarillo College and is coming along very well. The program will start in the fall and the class is already full. The students coming into the program this year all work full-time as phlebotomists. The clinical areas in that area have welcomed the students with open arms. Dr. Matney stated that Ms. Martin and Ms. Boyd have done an excellent job with this online program and have worked very hard putting it together as well as teaching their regular scheduled classes. He has reviewed the online program's report card sent to him from the E-Learning Center and it has raved reviews! Ms. Martin thanked Ms. Boyd for all her hard work and appreciates her very much. Ms. Martin stated that there are two applications for part-time instructor's already that want to teach the labs. Mr. Rollins added that he was in Lubbock yesterday and talked with Stacey Jackson who will be starting the on-line program in the fall and said she is very excited.
6. Faculty /Clinical Coordinator Report - Ms. Boyd reported that there will be 14 graduates this summer, and currently have 15 freshmen. There are 17 applications for the fall semester already

and hopes to have a full class of 20. Ms. Boyd added that it is hard to place students in Blood Banking clinical. Coffee Memorial has helped out tremendously with blood banking. Ms. Boyd stated that she is going to try an in-house blood bank clinic for two weeks and many of the clinical supervisors have offered to come to the college and help teach blood banking to the students. Ms. Boyd added that she has added Hemphill Hospital in Canadian as a clinical site. Currently, a student who lives in Canadian, and works at the hospital received a scholarship to go through the program it is working out very well, plus they are looking for another candidate. Ms. Boyd said recruiters have called wanting to hire their students, thus far, two-thirds of the sophomores have jobs already. A hospital in Eagle Pass, TX has offered a \$10,000 sign-on bonus to the MLT graduates.

7. Other Business – Nothing at this time.
8. Adjournment – Being that there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.