

NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 2007 @ 7:00 a.m. @ Amarillo College "A" Bldg. 105

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Smith-Chairperson, Helen Jean, Amber Ethridge, Deedra Lynch, Katy Patrick, Jodi Merrifield, Danita Morrow, Roger Turner

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Mark Rowh, Barbara Gray, Dr. Matney, Pilar Suarez

1. Welcome – Ed Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made around the table.
3. Minutes – The minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting were approved as written.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – The Annual Radiology Symposium will be November 2 & 3, 2007. The brochure will be out by August or September.
5. Student Representative – The students went to the 52nd Annual SW Chapter Society of Nuclear Medicine and had a good time.
6. Medical Director (Dr. Bill Byrd) – Absent
7. Director's Report – Rowh reported that by March 1, 2008, all free-standing facilities will have to be accredited. The voting ballots for the Mallinckrodt Award have been sent out to the facilities. Rowh gave everyone a copy of the pass-rate history from 2004 through 2006 (see attached). Rowh has added Panhandle Nuclear Pharmacy as an affiliation site, however students are not being sent due to a pharmacist shortage. The Radiology program at Amarillo College has added a Cross-sectional Anatomy to their curriculum and anyone who would like to take that course can.

Dr. Matney reported that Texas Tech has interest in starting a Bachelor's Degree in Dosimetry and are very interested in our radiation therapy students. This might be something could impact the nuclear medicine students also.

8. Affiliation Reports
 - A. Amarillo Cardiovascular Center – The students are doing fine.
 - B. Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic – The first year students seem to have a lot of absences. Rowh said that he is going to implement a more strict absence policy starting in the fall.
 - C. Amarillo Heart Group – Students are doing fine. A PET Scanner, dedicated for hearts, has been in place since last August. Turner said that when he went through the program his clinical rotation lacked hearts, but since then, the program has added to more heart affiliations.
 - D. Amarillo Medical Specialists – Absent
 - E. Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital – Nothing to report
 - F. Cardinal Health – Absent
 - G. Cardiovascular Center of Amarillo – The only problem was the first year students were having trouble interacting with the patients, but that is better now. The second year students are great!
 - H. Harrington Cancer Center – The students are doing very well.
 - I. Northwest Texas Hospital – Absent
 - J. VA Hospital – Students are doing fine. The first and second year students work well together.
9. Clinical Assistant – Gray thanked everyone for all their hard work and appreciates everything the Cl's do for the students and the program.
10. Other Business – Matney reported that the college is in need of another transformation and has appointed an external and internal group to gather information regarding reconfiguring buildings, etc. He also thanked the committee members for all their support. He added that Rowh not only does such a tremendous job with the program but he also does a lot of committee work at the college too. Rowh was such a strong contributor of a two year outcomes assessment committee.

The college is proud to have such outstanding employees such as Mark, Barbara, Bill, Pilar and Kim who go above and beyond their job duties.

Rowh reported that the big push is for all entry level nuclear medicine techs have a Bachelor's Degree by 2015. If that happens, the program would probably have to have an articulation agreement with Texas Tech, WTAMU or some other university.

11. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant
