

NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

October 29, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Smith – Chairperson, Dr. Bill Byrd, Katherine Ford, Alan Kinzer, Larry Rauscher, Deedra Parker, Lindsey Weatherly, Diana Chacon, Jodi Merrifield – guest.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Mark Rowh, Bill Crawford, Jerry Moller, Barbara Gray, Cherie Clifton.

1. Welcome – Smith welcomed everyone to the committee following introductions.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the March 6, 2009, meeting were approved as written.
3. Continuing Health Care Education – Crowley was absent but Gray stated that the 14th Annual Radiology Symposium went well with 125 attendees. Next year the symposium will be Radiography, Mammography and Nuclear Medicine with Radiography on one side of the lecture hall, Nuclear Medicine on the other side of the lecture hall and Mammography in the Nursing Building.
4. AH Advisor & Counselor – Clifton reported that all allied health programs are at full capacity and the college is at record enrollment with 11,100 students. Spring registration starts up on November 9th.
5. Student Representative – Weatherly reported that everything seems to be going well. It was brought to her attention that a fast tracker out of Lubbock during clinic rotations was allowed 2 free days in clinic and asked if the Nuclear Medicine students could get 2 free days. Dr. Byrd had a concern in that a certain amount of hours are required for clinic and with free days those hours might not be accomplished. A few other advisory members thought that student's might abuse the two free day privilege. It was decided to leave the clinic rotation as is.
6. Medical Director – Dr. Byrd thanked everyone for all their hard work and support of the program. Both freshmen and sophomores students appear to be doing well.
7. Program Director
 - A. Accreditation Packets – Rowh gave all CI's a short form to fill out and return to him by February 1, 2010.

- B. Summer 2009 Pass Rates – Two students have not taken the test yet, and one student failed, but plans to retake the test. Rowh gave everyone a copy of the pass rates from 2004-2008. Crawford commended Rowh regarding the high pass rates.
- C. Radiation Safety – Rowh gave everyone copies of the guidelines regarding radiation safety from Becky Burton, Radiation Safety Officer. Any student who has a dose that exceeds 2% of the annual dose is flagged and has verbal counseling with the RSO, if any dose exceeds 5% of the annual dose limit the student has a written counseling form put in their file. It is important that students use their shields, time rules, and distance to keep their exposure as low as possible. Student's who continually have high doses will drop a letter grade, and/or fail clinic. Students are mandated to always use syringe shields per regulations.
- D. Sectional Anatomy for Medical Imaging (RADR 2340) – The online course will be available in the spring of 2010, and all NM students are required to take this course.
- E. Changes to curriculum – Rowh added Advanced PET to the curriculum.
- F. Changes to clinic paperwork – Rowh gave the CI's the updated clinic paperwork and a motion was made by Ford and seconded by Dr. Byrd to accept the changes made within the clinic forms.
- G. Scope of Practice – Rowh gave everyone the website to look at the Nuclear Medicine's scope of practice. It is www.snm.org.

8. Affiliation Reports

- A. Amarillo Cardiovascular Center – Absent
- B. Amarillo Diagnostic Center – Student are doing very well.
- C. Amarillo Heart Group – Absent
- D. Amarillo Medical Specialists- Absent
- E. Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital – Students are doing well, and Barbara Gray is such an asset to the program and the CI's.
- F. Cardinal Health Pharmacy – Absent
- G. Cardiology Center of Amarillo – Students are doing well.

- H. Harrington Cancer Center – Has both first year and second year students and they all are doing very well.
 - I. Northwest Texas Hospital – It seems that the students are eager to learn, and they are all doing very well.
 - J. VA Hospital – Students are doing well and show lots of initiative. A big thank you to Barbara Gray!
9. Clinical Assistant – Gray thanked everyone for all their hard work and support of the program and their support for the students.
10. Other Business – Rowh has lost three students due to economics, and now has 11 first year students.
- The question was asked if Nuclear Medicine Technicians were going to be required to get a Bachelor's Degree by 2015. Dr. Byrd commented that he thought that had gone away, and if it hasn't then people need to be contacting their lawmakers, and lobbying. Rowh said that he thought it had been put on the back burner as well, but will follow-up.
11. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant
