

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM

April 10, 2008 @ 7:00 am.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Tedrick - Chairperson, Melissa Adams, Travis Williams, Kim Peet, Omar Santos, Lisa Griggs-Stapleton, Sara Rosales, Amanda Rios.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Sheree Talkington, Jennie Sparks, Kim Crowley, Cherie Clifton, Bill Crawford.

1. **Welcome** – Tedrick welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Introductions** – Introductions were made around the table
3. **Minutes** – The minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting were approved as written.
4. **Continuing HealthCare Education** – Crowley reported that Pilar Suarez, Director Continuing Health Care Education, has resigned, and will be moving to Seattle, Washington with her family. The Wound Care Symposium in March went well, with 160 people in attendance.
5. **Allied Health Advisor/Counselor** – Clifton reported that the OTA program faculties are very energetic recruiters! They have sponsored two transfer-to-university events in the last year. Registration for summer and fall begins Monday.
6. **Student Representative(s)** – Rios and Rosales both stated that the faculty has prepared them well to go out in to the clinical settings and to be professional at all times. The clinical sites are great and everyone has been very patient with them. One weakness would be that the program needs to have more lab time.
7. **Director Report** – A copy of the Advisory Member Handbook was given to everyone. The program is doing well and moving forward. There are approx. 12-18 applications and normally they are accepted to start in the fall. The pass rate is 92.6%. ACOTE changed some of their standards that went into affect January 2008. The program's site visit will take place 2009-2010 and Talkington will be asking for your help. Talkington gave everyone a sheet with ACOTE STANDARDS A.2.24 & A.5.1., and asked everyone to fill out the form and return it when they can. There are lots of jobs out there! There are also many new clinical sites.

8. **Faculty Report** – Sparks reported that the students have started an organization and have designed a t-shirt, will participate in a Walk-a-thon this weekend, and will also participate with High Plains Food Bank to collect food – a barrel is located in the AH building. This fall the program will get some new equipment for the lab that will help students with more hands-on training before they go to clinic. The textbooks that the students are using are expensive but they use them for two years and they are great reference books for when they get into the work world.
9. **Other Business** – Santos, COTA, for Triumph Hospital says that there is a full-time COTA position available; Williams, COTA, for BSA Hospital reported that there are COTA openings, PRN, and he added that the OTA program is a great! Tedrick, COTA, for the VA Hospital, stated that he has had great students from AC and the program is good.
10. **Adjournment** – being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

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