

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Minutes – September 10, 2003 @ 12:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Hankard-Jan Warner Adult Day Care Center, Jim Keister-Amarillo Physical Therapy Services, Velevia Snyder-BSA, Linda Hall-NWTH, Randy Clark-NWTH, Brant Capps-BSA, Jamie Tucker-Amarillo College, Amber Tapia-Student Representative.

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Kelly Jones-Program Director, Rena Hutches-Instructor, Bill Crawford-Division Chair, Dr. Byrd-Vice President & Dean of Instruction, Jeff Doiron-Director for Continuing Health Care Education, Marianne Jones- West Campus Counselor.

1. Call to order – Mr. Hankard, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
2. Introductions – Introductions were made around the table.
3. Minutes – Minutes of the September 30, 2002, meeting were approved as written with no corrections.
4. Continuing Health Care Education – Mr. Doiron gave handouts to everyone for the upcoming workshops. One specific workshop mentioned, "Geriatric Orthopedics" being held in conjunction with BSA would provide CEU's for PT's and PTA's.
5. Counseling Center – Ms. Jones commented on AC's record enrollment with 10,000 students this fall. The program's enrollment is up too! There have been some testing changes at AC this year – students no longer have to take the TASP test. The Accuplaser is being used and is offered on the computer. Arena registration is slowly being phased out. Students have the capability of registering on-line, by telephone, and with their advisor.
6. Student Representative – Amber Tapia reported that the students are selling T-shirts and scratch off cards as fundraiser.
7. Directors Report – Ms. Jones reported that she was hired on November 18, 2002, as the new PTA Director. The program was accredited and the next site visit will be in 2005. The program packet has been revised as well as all of the packets at the college to give them a more updated and consistent look. The program has increased student observation time to 15 hours. The Physics for Allied Health course has been deleted and replaced with Applied Physical Principles. Currently, there are 32 students in the Profession of Physical Therapy class. Hopefully, there will be 24 students starting the program in the spring. The new Director of the OTA program, Ms. Sheree Talkington, and Ms. Jones are working on utilizing the OTA Lab as a resource center for both disciplines to share. If anyone has any books that

they would like to donate to the center, please call the division office at 354-6055. Ms. Jones is working on a job link on the PTA website which will allow students to look up current job opportunities. There are several job openings for PTA's right now. Also, October is Physical Therapy month!! Ms. Jones has assigned students a group project – the students will go out in to the clinical areas and interview the CI's. Ms. Jones and Ms. Hutches are geared up to go to the PTA Alliance meeting in Austin. Ms. Jones would like to add a new course called Clinical Neurology – a two hour credit course – which would put the curriculum over 71 credit hours. One credit hour will be removed from the Professions of Physical Therapy, making the course two credit hours. The program was lucky enough to receive Carl Perkins funds to buy an iBook and projector which will be used in the lab.

8. Clinic Report – Reports are coming back from the students that in the clinical area's they are using a Boyd Blade, Pro Fitter, and Sequential Toner. The program was able to order this equipment for the lab which will help the students before they go out in to clinic. Ms. Hutches was able to incorporate an aquatic rotation through BSA. An arm and leg manikin was purchased for the students that will aid them in their Functional Anatomy course. The sophomore students finished their clinic and did very well. One thing that was mentioned is that the students could use more therapeutic exercise in the curriculum. Ms. Jones will take this under advisement. Ms. Hutches reported that currently there are 50 active full-time and part-time affiliations. Ms. Snyder asked if it was possible for the students to do more clinic time. After a lengthy discussion, all members agreed that more clinic exposure would be beneficial to the students. Ms. Jones agreed, however, in order to increase clinic time, lecture and lab would have to be decreased.

9. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant, on September 10, 2003.
