

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2007 @ 7:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Clark – Chairperson, Velevia Snyder, Aaron DeLong, Tamara Hulls, Derek Neill, Stacy Skeen

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Kelly Jones, Rena Hutches, Pilar Suarez, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney

1. Call to order – Mr. Clark, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves and the sites they represent.
3. Minutes – The minutes of the October 18, 2006, meeting were approved as written.
4. Continuing Healthcare – Ms. Suarez reported on the annual Wound Care Workshop that will be held March 7, 2008, from 8:00 – 5:00. The cost is \$69 but she is trying to lower that cost. Also, the cost for students will be \$12-\$16.
5. Student Representative – Ms. Hulls reported that the students have been busy with fundraisers. To date, they raised \$160 working the concession stand at the civic center, \$85 bake sale, \$125 Badger Heart, and \$310 for Deployed Angels. The students will take that money and buy items that are on the Deployed Angles list. They also sold t-shirts and a portion of that money will be donated too, and the rest of the money will be used to buy board books.
6. Director's Report – Ms. Jones reported that there are 18 sophomore students. Today, interviews for the spring class will be held and there are 37 applicants for 24 positions. There were 13 graduates in May and 12 passed the licensing test the first time. Ms. Jones and Ms. Hutches are addressing the drop rate issue. Students drop because of their lack of commitment to the program which means that they cannot pass some of the classes. Students can take the optional Student Success course

which is tied to the Profession of PT course, plus they will get extra points on their application process if they choose to enroll. Ms. Jones hopes that this will help students learn good study habits, sharpen their test taking abilities which will help student retention.

This week the program was involved in Teen Leadership. Eighty students from all over the Panhandle came to the Allied Health Building and spent 4 hours with hands-on activities with most of the Allied Health programs. Also, Hereford High School brought 27 Health Occupational students through for a tour of all the programs. In the spring, Show Case of Technology will bring in 150 high school students to tour the West Campus to visit the Allied Health programs.

Last year, Carl Perkins funds purchased Therapy Dolls for the program which the students use in lab for more pediatric hands on experience.

Ms. Jones took part in a grant project (CLIC) in which some of the allied health instructors paired up with Physics instructors and/or Math instructors to help teach a Physics or Math courses that are incorporated in their program. The focus is to change the traditional lecture with more group activities.

7. Clinic Report – Ms. Hutches gave everyone an updated clinical site list (see attached).

Students would like to do more than observe during their part-time rotations. During the fall semester, assign students to clinic three Wednesdays in a row. Ms. Hutches wanted to know what the clinical sites thought of this change. All the sites represented thought it would be a good idea.

8. Old Business – None
9. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant
