

**RADIOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – March 27, 2003**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Helena Leonard – Committee Chair, Kim LaFaver-Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic, Dr. Bickers – Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital, Bruce Jones-VA Hospital, Julie Evenson – Moore County Hospital, Carole Anne Ellertson – Northwest Texas Hospital, Danita Morrow – Student Representative, Lex Weatherly – Northwest Texas Hospital, Alex Ocompo – Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital.

**EX-OFFICIO’S PRESENT:** Bill Crawford – Division Chair, Jeff Doiron – Director, Continuing Healthcare Education, Jamie Tucker – Clinical Coordinator, Ken Woody – Faculty, Barbara Gray-Staff, Marianne Jones – Counselor.

1. Welcome – Mr. Crawford welcomed the committee.
2. Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the March 6, 2002, meeting were approved as written.
3. Old Business - Pantex Update – As discussed at the last meeting, Mr. Crawford sent a letter of intent to THECB to apply for new workforce education programs leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Non-Destructive Testing and Diagnostic Medical Sonography. No new information at this time.
4. Continuing Healthcare Education – Mr. Doiron gave everyone handouts on the upcoming workshops. On April 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop on HIPAA. On April 25<sup>th</sup> there will be workshop on Germ Warfare: New Reality. The Annual Radiography Symposium will be held on October 24 & 25, 2003.
5. Campus Counselor – Ms. Jones reported that summer registration has started and the college has implemented a new advising session for students called Express Registration. Advising Alert no longer exists. Students will now go to their advisor offices for advising. Students are encouraged to use the WEB to drop a course, add a course, billing, etc. Mr. Crawford reminded the committee that Ms. Jones is a licensed counselor and will help students with any personal matters that they may have.
6. Medical Director – Dr. Gayle Bickers had nothing to report.
7. Clinical Affiliates
  - A. Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic – Nothing to report.
  - B. Baptist St. Anthony’s Hospital – Nothing to report.
  - C. Golden Plains Hospital – Nothing to report.
  - D. Hereford Regional Medical Center – Nothing to report.

- E. Moore County Hospital – Absent
- F. Northwest Texas Hospital – Personality conflicts between students. Students are not getting along with other students. She suggests rotating them more often.
- G. Pampa Regional Medical Center – Absent
- H. Veteran’s Admin. Hospital – Students are not being polite or courteous and seem to be lacking good communication skills.

8. Student Representative

Danita Morrow stated that the faculty and staff at Amarillo College is very “user friendly” and are to be commended. The freshmen students reported that the out-of-town clinical is difficult at times.

9. Program Faculty

- A. Mr. Crawford - Ms. Tucker is working on implementing the Mammography certificate program. A big thank-you to Ms. Tucker and Ms. Gray for graciously supplying snacks for this meeting. Due to budget constraints, department budget for food and snacks have been cut. The program will graduate 23 students in August. Last year, 23 students graduated and all but 2 students took their registry. Some students tend to procrastinate then fail the registry because they waited too long to take the exam. The program went through the accreditation process and was granted accreditation for 6 years. Kudos to the programs faculty and staff on a job well done!
- B. Ms. Tucker – Working with the CI’s is enjoyable! The mandatory CT rotation seems to be working very well. An affiliation agreement with Harrington Cancer Center and the Mammography Department has been secured and rotations will start this summer for the sophomores. The question was asked if males will rotate through the Mammography Department. Yes, they will, however, a patient can refuse a male to perform their Mammogram.

Last fall, an Introduction to Clinic course was implemented to assist students with the transition from classroom/lab to the clinic and it seems to be working fairly well. Another change that was made, due to academic dishonesty, students now “position” other students and/or faculty in lab simulations which is then verified by a faculty member.

Ms. Tucker sent out 150 needs assessment surveys asking if the community would favor a Certificate Mammography program. One hundred and one were returned. Of those returned, 97 were positive. It is the intent to start the certificate program sometime next year.

The Sonography program is on hold due to financial matters. According to accreditation, a program must have one Certified Sonographer for every student accepted into the program, along with a full-time director. Mr.

Crawford talked with BSA and NPTH to ask if they would be interested in splitting the difference in cost to hire a sonographer and a full-time director with a salary of \$45,000 and he has not heard back from either facility.

Ms. Tucker would like to add a Sectional Anatomy course to the Radiology curriculum. The problem in doing so is another course within the curriculum would have to be deleted. One suggestion was to delete Medical Terminology, another suggestion was to offer the course through continuing education.

Ms. Tucker asked the committee how the Random Challenges were going that were incorporated last year. Ms. Ellertson, from Northwest Texas Hospital, reported that she uses a series of cards for the students to choose from. Some of the committee members, including Ms. Tucker, remarked that is an excellent way to handle it. Ms. Tucker reminded the CI's to let her know if a student does not pass a Random Challenge, so that she may remediate the student in the school lab.

Ms. Ellertson stated that it is hard to keep track of student make-ups. Ms. Tucker suggested putting all the students on one page which might make it easier to keep up with. Ms. Ellertson reported that the sophomore students are not doing well at Northwest Texas Hospital and suggested that student evaluations be done half way through the year and change the grading to be either a pass or fail. Also, students will get into their little cliques at the hospital and won't do well. Ms. Ellertson suggests that those students be separated.

10. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

The minutes were written and submitted by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant.

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