

RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM

March 29, 2006 @ 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Young – Chairperson, Sam Guitierrez, Rick Barron, Nancy Gerard-Altwwager, Trey George, Stephanie Tripp, Debbie Chavez

EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT: Bill Young, Neil Allen, Valerie Hansen, Bill Crawford, Dr. Matney, Susan McClure.

1. Welcome – S. Young welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the May 10, 2005, meeting were approved as written.
3. Director of Continuing Health Care Education (Jeff Doiron) – Absent
4. Allied Health & Nursing Division Counselor - McClure reported that registration for summer and fall will start April 17.
5. Student Representative(s) - George, sophomore student, said that the students could use more lab space! Tripp, freshman student, had nothing to report.
6. NBRC Summary Graduate Performance – There have been some positive changes since it is required that student take their exam before they graduate. (see attached report).
7. Goals & Objectives - Goals and objectives for the program are a CoARC requirement. The committee read over the goals and they were approved as written with one correction: change the word “students” to “graduates”.
8. PET Report – The Planning and Evaluation Tracking report was read by the committee and approved as written.
9. Clinical Updates – Allen reported that this summer the freshmen clinic will combine the blood gases and critical care rotations (36 hours per week for three weeks). There will no clinic changes for the fall semester. The Sputum Bowl will be held in Lubbock this Thursday. Last year our students took first and third place!
10. Curriculum Changes 2006-2007 - Due to some WECM changes this year, the program has changed a few titles and descriptions of some of the courses.
11. Procurement of Ventilators – Young reported that he went through budget process a couple of weeks ago and asked the college to purchase 2 new ventilators. Hopefully those ventilators will be purchased and ready to go for the fall semester.
12. Student Immunizations – Young has prepared a data base to help track students immunizations that come into the program.
13. New Business
 - A. Future employment needs for Amarillo and the surrounding communities were discussed. Young reported that there is a future plan to expand the program's building space which in turn will able him to take more students. Currently, he can accept 21 students per year and so far, 14 students have been accepted for the fall semester and he is getting calls daily. Allen reported that there are 6 hospitals in Texas looking for therapists. Tripp asked if the college does any recruiting with the surrounding high schools. Allen said that he recruits to any school that asks. Young reported that the last two graduating classes found employment. Entry level graduates start at \$14.00 an hour in Amarillo which is comparative with other areas of the state.

- B. The next advisory meeting will be held sometime in April 2007.
- 14. Adjournment – Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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