

RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM

April 10, 2007 @ 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Young – Chairperson, Rick Barron, Stephanie Trigg-Smith, Lisa Eaves, David Sledge, Alan Sissel.

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

1. Welcome – S. Young welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes – The minutes of the March 29, 2006 meeting were approved with two corrections. Stephanie Tripp was changed to Stephanie Trigg; Nancy Gerard-Altwwager was changed to Nancy Gerard-Altschwager.
3. Reports
 - A. Pilar Suarez, RN – Absent
 - B. Student Representative - Ms. Trigg-Smith reported that the class would like to do critical care rotations, instead of floor therapy rotations. Allen stated that the students are required to do 3 days of critical care rotations and three days floor therapy rotations.
4. NBRC – Young gave everyone a copy of the Summary Graduate Performance for 2001 through 2007. See attached.
5. Goals & Objectives (CoARC requirement) – A copy of the programs goals and objectives were given to everyone. Young reported that that only thing that was changed was the word “student” was changed to “graduate”. David Sledge made a motion to accept the goals and objectives as written with the change, seconded by Lisa Eaves, and unanimously approved by all other committee members.
6. PET Report 2006 – Young gave everyone a copy of the 2006 Planning and Evaluation Tracking Report (PET).
7. Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) – Young reported that the program failed to meet the thresholds set by CoARC and gave everyone a copy of the program response. Young stated that the program is doing better, but is worried about the attrition rate. Crawford, Division Chair, for Allied Health reported that if students drop out of the program due to personal reasons there is really nothing that can be done about that. Young is looking at ways to improve the attrition rate. The faculties have been attending health fairs, high school tours of the allied health building, Badgerama, Showcase of Technology, etc.
8. Clinical Updates – Allen stated that he appreciates everyone at the hospitals for helping the students because without them there would be no clinic, and without clinic there would be no program. He also appreciates the hospitals letting the students do their make-up days for the last two weeks. The sophomore students will start their clinic May 14. The freshman will start their clinic July 2. The students no longer do intubation rotations - surgeons do not want students doing intubations on their patients.
9. Ventilator Update – The College purchased 4 new ventilators through Carl Perkins Funds.
10. New Business – The NBRC put an expiration date on their credentials (CRT & RRT) which would be renewed every 5 years, submit 30 hours of continuing education, plus pay \$60.
11. Adjournment – Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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

