

**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 10, 2002 @ 11:30**

**Members Present:** Oscar Reyna, RN - BSA Hospital, Ben Segura, CST-BSA Hospital, Janet Ambs, CST - BSA Hospital, Mary Lou Roberts, RN - Northwest TX Hospital, Sherry Driver, CST - Dr. Treasure's Office, Stephanie Orcutt, Maria Gutierrez, RN - Moore County Hospital, Stella Odom, Margaret Dunn, Rick Donaldson, RN-Northwest TX Hospital, Dora Quintana, CST - Moore County Hospital. Student Representatives - Mika & Clint.

**Ex-Officio's Present:** Debbie Inman, Beverly Grimm, Bill Crawford, Marianne Jones, Jeff Doiron.

1. Call to order - Ms. Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. Minutes - The minutes of March 28, 2002, meeting were approved with no corrections.
3. Continuing Health Care Education - Mr. Doiron have everyone a new 2002 Winter/ Spring catalog to look over. Workshops that will be offered are the Child Abuse Prevention Symposium, on Friday, April 12, Karing for Kids, on Monday, April 22, A Holistic Approach to Massage Therapy, Saturday, April 27, Implementing HIPAA Requirements, on Friday, May 3, Balancing Work, Home and Self, on Friday, May 10, Adult Health Assessment with a Geriatric Emphasis, June 3 -4, Critical Care Nursing, June 13-15. If anyone has any special requests in earning CEU's, or interested in any of these workshops, call Jeff at 354-6085.
4. Counseling Center - Marianne Jones talked about Sneak Peek, and Career Fair. Ms. Inman stated that in addition to those two activities for student recruitment, she has also talked with TV and radio stations, plus a Boy Scout Group.
5. Surgical Technology Program Report
  - A. Ms. Grimm reported that last fall there were 24 full-time students and four part-time students, and of those students 16 graduated. ( a 67% retention rate). This fall there are 24 students and 17 are expected to graduate, yielding a 73% retention. Also, 10 or 11 of these students are already employed.
  - B. Ms. Inman stated that there is a new computer based certification that will allow the students to take the test in Amarillo instead of having to drive to Lubbock. In order to take the exam they will

need to send in \$190.00 along with the new application. Then they will be sent a phone number that the student can call to set up an appointment to take the test. It will be given at the Sylvan Learning Center. Ms. Inman also stated that AST is now requiring that an assessment exam is given to her students. They require a 75% pass rate. This will allow AST to see how much the students are learning from the program, since not all students take the certification exam. The first test will be given July 15, 2002. In addition, Ms. Inman has come up with a program called Fast Track Certification. It is for people who were trained on the job to become Surgical Techs., and now want to become certified. This program will allow them to get credit for their clinical by the job experience they have had, and then they will have to take their academic classes. Ms. Inman stated that at a meeting in May she will get a new core curriculum with guidelines set by AST. Other concerns that Ms. Inman had were certification, retention, and continuing education, which were discussed among the members.

6. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes were taken April 10, by Kim Lacey, Administrative Assistant, on April 16, 2002.

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