

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM
ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes of Meeting December 10, 2004

PRESENT

Dr. Rick Blubaugh	Medical Director for Oklahoma City Community College Committee Chair
Conrad Ballare	EMSA
John Graham	EMSA
Sergeant Steve McCune	Oklahoma City Fire Department
Chuck Morrison	Graduate Representative
Larry Terry	Midwest Regional Ambulance
Ray Simpson	Parkview Hospital
Carol Weddle	Clinical Instructor, OKCCC
JoAnn Cobble	Dean of Health Professions, OKCCC
Harvey Conner	Professor of Emergency Medical Sciences, OKCCC
Bruce Farris	Professor of Emergency Medical Sciences, OKCCC
Romeo Opichka	Director, Emergency Medical Sciences, OKCCC
Brent Stafford	Professor of Emergency Medical Sciences, OKCCC
Shelly Tevis	Division Secretary, Clinical Coordinator, OKCCC

INTRODUCTION

Romeo Opichka welcomed Advisory Committee Members to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Committee members introduced themselves.

CoAEMSP Site Visit

The on-site visit for accreditation was September 30 and October 1, 2004. Visit went very well. On-site team found no discrepancies with the Program. They listed many strengths including the dean, program director, faculties, technology, equipment, and community services. The EMS Program has been accredited for an additional five years. The report is available for anyone interested.

CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Groups discussed challenges reported this semester including:

- availability of clinical slots
- schedules not being disbursed to different areas in the hospitals
- a varying degree of competency of students depending on the course level the student is studying
- quality of students from one program to another – One bad student reflects poorly on all educating facilities

The committee offered suggestions for finding additional clinical slots/sites. Also suggested was a set of standards or competency levels be disbursed to facilities that would give a detailed account of what skills a student can practice at each level.

PROGRAM LENGTH

There have been changes made to the EMS Program curriculum:

Basic EMT is now a pre-requisite to the Paramedic Program making a paramedic degree a minimum of five semesters.

Anatomy and Physiology is no longer required *prior* to entering Paramedic I. It can be taken concurrently.

STUDENT PREPAREDNESS

The Program is continually testing and implementing skills and technology to maintain competency of students prepare them for entering the workforce. Capnography, 12-Lead, and CPAP2 are examples of skills recently added to the curriculum.

Human Patient Simulator – Classes began utilizing the mannequin this semester. Faculty concur it is a fabulous experience for the students and will be an asset to the Division.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- 2010 Registry will no longer accept applications from non-accredited programs.
- There are approximately 180 accredited programs in the United States. The National Registry is increasing the number of on-site teams to meet the increased demand for accreditation becomes mandatory. The number of applications has doubled, and there will be a lot more as 2010 draws near.
- The committee discussed the State EMS Health Department's plan to implement CPR as a part of the curriculum for Basic EMT.
- OKCCC's Paramedic Program students experienced 100% pass rates last year.
- Carol Weddle suggested that 1900-0700 is not an appropriate shift for psych rotations.
- Susan Jones is preparing a presentation titled "Paramedics being recognized by Society."

Dr. Blubaugh thanks and appreciates committee members for continued support and noted that any suggestions are welcome.

Romeo again thanked members for their input, their continued support, and for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m.