

**Francis Tuttle – Oklahoma City Community College  
Respiratory Care Program**

**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Doug Odor, Chairperson. Individuals present were: Melody Beard, Canda Wilson, Ruth Walker, Julie Fanselau, Allison Lawson, Jackie McAffrey, Dr. Stephen Adler, Jody Wemhaner, Jim Hinton, Doug Odor, Katie Hughes, Lezli Heyland, Clyde Moss, Betty Fisher, Debi Atchley, Pat Vaughn and Shauna Cilberg.

Shauna Cilberg gave a brief update on current progress of graduate performance on the NBRC credentialing examinations and the progress of second year students towards completing their mock credentialing examinations.

Pat Vaughn reviewed the joint process between Francis Tuttle RC students and Human Resource students at UCO participating in a professional interview activity. Pat asked for any suggestions related to soft skills from the advisory committee. Julie Fanselau related that a significant number of last year's graduates that were hired at OU Medical Center seemed to be less team oriented. She explained that they seemed to have very high expectations related to getting day shift assignments and other earned privileges immediately. This group also seemed less willing to take initiative to help out other therapists and work as a team to complete patient care. There was discussion about activities that could be incorporated into the student's clinical experience that would reinforce team work and professionalism including asking students to observe and document professional behaviors on their daily planners. Program and Adjunct Faculty should be encouraged to demonstrate teamwork by example when helping others complete assignments so that students are aware of the importance of all patients receiving care. The student representative stated that based on conversation with her classmates, she felt that salary was the primary reason most of the students were pursuing a career in respiratory care.

Lezli Heyland and Clyde Moss discussed the upcoming accreditation site-visit for 2009 and asked the Advisory Committee to suggest possible dates for an on-site visit. The final recommendation was for a Thursday-Friday in November. Lezli Heyland will provide the committee with some guidance about what types of questions the site visitors will want to ask the community of interest and clinical partners prior to the visit.

Jody Wemhaner talked with the committee about Francis Tuttle's 2010 expansion plan which will add approximately 20,000 sq. ft of new and re-purposed space for health programs. She briefly talked about the planned medical lab program and asked for suggestions about additional health programs needed in the community.

Lezli Heyland and Debi Atchley talked with the committee about the current progress toward offering online science support courses. In response to the Advisory Committee's suggestions in Spring 2008, the program is working towards an accelerated program that would allow students to enter and complete more quickly resulting in a December graduation date. Lezli asked if the committee members present had any information about the respiratory therapy program being planned at Platt College and if they were participating as clinical sites. She asked if there would still be a need for an additional graduating class if a new program begins. The Advisory Committee encouraged FT to continue with plans for December graduates as this was a significant need in the OKC area.

Lezli Heyland gave an update on the current progress towards offering a Polysomnograph Technician Program. The committee was positive about the need for PSG graduates in the coming years but felt that a relatively small class would probably meet the needs of greater OKC. Discussion was held about offering an A-Step Introductory Course as a way to bridge into a full CAAHEP program when expansion of facilities will allow for a dedicated laboratory. Julie Fanselau was supportive of the possibility of OU Medical Center providing sleep lab facilities for student laboratory practice. Allison Lawson, sleep lab coordinator at OU Medical Center, will meet with Lezli to provide information about necessary resources and plan for a program proposal. Other committee members provided contact information about sleep lab directors at their respective hospitals. An Ad Hoc Advisory Committee of local interested individuals will be formed and hopefully schedule a meeting in late November.

Clyde asked for input related to clinical performance of IPPB. The students are having difficulty being able to meet this objective due to the low numbers of IPPB treatments available. Most of the clinical sites have very few IPPB treatments ordered and their occurrence is sporadic. Clyde will adjust the student's clinical objectives.

The meeting was adjourned by Doug Odor, Chairman.

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Lezli Heyland, Recorder