

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM
ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes of Meeting April 15, 2004

Present:

James Blocker	Oklahoma City Fire Department
Heather Brammer	Organizational Development, St. Anthony Hospital
Dr. Rick Blubaugh	Medical Director for Oklahoma City Community College Committee Chair
Kent Endersby	EMSSTAT
Cheryl Prince	Graduate Representative – Spring 2003
Shawn Rogers	Director, EMS Division – Oklahoma
Ray Simpson	Parkview Hospital
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.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Blubaugh thanked committee members for coming. PC IV students completed gatekeeper rotations at Freeman Health last semester and he reports they went well. He also noted that Spring 2004 graduating students will have an opportunity to complete their clinical with him in Joplin, MO as well.

ACCREDITATION

Supplemental Report was accepted by the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Profession. A site visit is tentatively scheduled for September 2004.

PARAMEDIC PASS RATE

The National average for Paramedic first time pass rates is currently at 57% with Basic first time pass rates remaining just over 62%.

OKCCC –

Spring 2003 – 6 students took the National registry – 4 passed first attempt.

Fall 2003 – 7 students took the National Registry – 7 passed first.

(The remaining two passed on second attempt)

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

All students will be required to provide (starting as a Basic student) an OSBI background check upon entering any of the Health Programs at OKCCC. A copy of application and instructions is included in the packet of information provided to all committee members. It will be the student's responsibility to provide and clear any issues that arise resulting from this background check prior to returning to the program.

COMPLIANCE CARDS

Beginning this summer, each student will be issued a compliance card once all immunization requirements (including HIPAA, confidentiality, and Insurance) have been met. They will not be allowed to do clinical rotations until they have received this card.

HPS UPDATE (FACILITY TRAINING)

- A new room has been built to house the Human Patient Simulator
- Installation date has been set
- Faculty and Staff will be trained on the HPS in May
- HPS will be implemented and fully operational Fall 2004
- Capabilities of mannequin brochures are included in packet for each committee member

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADDITION

The last Legislative session approved a Higher Education Bond that will expansion of the Health Professions building. The projection is scheduled to begin fall 2005 and includes a two story facility that will house all EMS faculties. It will provide additional classrooms/labs and an ambulance box to enhance teaching and will be approximately 30,000 feet. Committee members have been provided an information packet which includes a set of plans for the new area.

The Science and Math and Arts and Humanities Divisions will also be acquiring additional space.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Romeo, Bruce, Brent, and Harvey. May 2004 marks the 30th Anniversary of the EMS Program at Oklahoma City Community College. It is one of the 12 original Programs and is the longest running EMS Education Program in the State.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- **DIDACTIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Romeo solicits input from committee members asking for suggestions or ideas on how to improve curriculum in hopes of producing a better quality of students for a smoother transition into the workforce.

- **NEW TECHNOLOGY**

Harvey Conner reports the EMS Program is looking into providing training on electronic documentation in the near future.

- **BIO Z**

Ray Simpson reports on the new Bio Z – an electro-physical module that can do a calculation on cardiac output of a patient. The unit costs approximately 26-28,000.

- Shawn Rogers reports that there were 3,300 EMT's, Intermediate, & Paramedic re-licensures. He added that there were less re-licensures in the last two years and attributes it to the starting salaries for the starting paramedic and the committee agrees. Mr. Rogers hopes to develop a plan that will convince lawmakers that a raise in salaries is justified.
- Beginning Fall of 2004, Pharmacology will be offered as a preference point to potential nursing students. Romeo hopes to also offer ECG Interpretation a preference in the future.
- Beginning Spring 2005, Oklahoma City Community College will offer a Career Ladder Pathway Program for paramedics wishing to become RN's. More information will be available in the future.

Dr. Blubaugh thanks and appreciates committee members for continued support.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m.