

EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2007

Present:

Sean Lauderdale
Shelly Tevis
Debby Martinez
Tim Soutl
Terri Walker
Emma Wyatt
Felix Aquino
JoAnn Cobble
Sherri Givens
Harvey Conner
James Blocker
Kevin Earnest
Gary Stokes
Sharon Conner
Paul Marmen
Brent Stafford
Bruce Farris
Leaugeay Barnes
Albert Harvey

1. Introductions

- **New medical director**

Everyone introduced themselves, and then JoAnn Cobble introduced the new medical director, Dr. Tim Soutl to the group.

2. College Update

JoAnn Cobble projected the completion date of the new building to be Fall 2008. Dr. Aquino commented on the new mandatory class, College and Life Skills that will begin in the Fall 2007 for all degree seeking students. This should make a college wide improvement in student success rates.

3. Enrollment & Completion

The basic EMT class for the summer had 12 students signed up at this time.

- **Pharmacology**

Beginning in the Fall 2007 there will be only one Pharmacology class for the EMS students. Nursing developed their own Pharmacology course.

4. NR Report/ CAT

Leaugeay had just returned from the National Registry where she assisted in test writing. JoAnn had received a compliment from Bill Brown of the Registry on what a wonderful job Ms. Barnes had done with the writing.

- **Practical testing**

The people that test for the registry preferred the computer based testing. The national pass rates were down from 67% to 62%.

- Exams

There are basic skills check offs by the open lab person at the end of each semester.

5. Committee Input on Graduates/ Curriculum/ Program

The graduates usually have no problems finding jobs in the workforce. Sean Lauderdale stated that at this time EMSTAT did not have any fulltime openings. The PRN has been very successful with the graduates. Overall the group believes the quality of students is very good.

Emma Wyatt with the Veterans Hospital said that the students' performance is spread out for a better experience. The experience at Veterans encourages the student to learn that these are real people that have lives, families and stories. It helps them see the value of the elderly.

Harvey said the students' comments were that they enjoyed the one on one with the patients. One student was even beneficial in helping an elder deal with the end stages in the last hours.

Gary Stokes was asked what the program could improve on and he answered with the pediatric clinical was a plus along with the Norman VA experience. He also suggested that they have a mock National Registry to prepare the graduating student for that test.

6. PC & Committee Reports

Harvey Conner confirmed that all four PC classes have met the computer proficiency by implementing the usage in research papers or power points. PC IV will develop HPS lab scenarios for future use. There are also software simulations

to bring to the computer lab in video game form to increase the critical thinking skills.

Brent Stafford commented on the infusing of global objectives in all of the PC classes by assessments of different cultures and being sensitive to them.

Affective evaluation is important in the class and should be graded on as well as academic tests. Some do not see the value of the affective but have been reprimanded and are on the right track now.

7. Clinical Report

Shelly Tevis reported on how well the clinicals had gone this semester and thanked the facilities for helping us. JoAnn Cobble further commented that Shelly had worked hard for the EMS Program and in the NESA meeting had gotten EMS on that schedule. This is a great accomplishment.

Oklahoma City Community College has now implemented a random drug test at a \$40.00 charge to the health professions students which will be conducted by a sister company to the one the school already uses for the national investigative background check.

The college has a no tolerance rule and all non negative results will be referred to Shelly Tevis along with the company doing the testing. The non-negative specimens will be kept in a frozen state for a stated time.

All students will be tested once during their degree as long as they exhibit continuous enrollment in the program.

Brent Stafford addressed the cost factor for the students and Jo Ann Cobble responded that this is a requirement of the clinical sites and not that of the college and the college can not absorb the cost.

A new policy for rescheduling of the clinicals was implemented last semester and the amount of reschedules has decreased. The students have to provide documentation and they are held accountable for the no shows.

- **FISDAP**

This is a computer based system that will track the students clinicals. It is still in the working stages.

- **Pediatric Clinical Report**

Harvey Conner acknowledged that he had heard several reports from the students how Dr. Harvey helped them to assess one on one with the children and that decreased the anxiety of working around children. Dr. Harvey added that most are comfortable with dealing with adults but the clinical rotations in his office shows the students that young patients do not bite.

8. Courses

- **Refresher**

The refresher courses for Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic will be offered every Spring with the faculty teaching for free. The funds will be allocated to the EMS Foundations. The cost for the refresher courses is as follows: Basic \$50.00, Intermediate \$75.00 and Paramedic \$100.00.

9. State Legislation

- **HB 1615; SB 531; HJR 1016**

There is a bill in the Legislation to make the benefits of the EMS workers the same state retirement funding equivalent to law enforcement and fire.

10. As May Occur

Harvey Conner stated that a consensus meeting would be held next Friday to talk about re-licensure in Oklahoma.

Harvey Conner said the EZ10 vascular access had new rules and regulations.

Meeting was then adjourned.