

**Oklahoma City Community College**

**Division of Health Professions**

**Emergency Medical Sciences**

**Advisory Committee Meeting – May 1, 2009**

**Present:** Jo Ann Cobble  
Dr. Patrick Cody  
James Hale  
Sharon Conner  
Brent Stafford  
Romeo Opichka  
Terri Walker  
Shelly Tevis  
Bruce Farris  
Dr. Aquino  
Leaugeay Barnes  
Debby Martinez  
Sean Elsten  
Sherri Givens  
Jeanie Beaty  
Greg Gardner  
Dr. Angela Selmon

**1. Introductions**

Dr. Cody called the meeting to order and introductions were made. The minutes were reviewed and accepted with the exception that the two names that were misspelled be corrected.

## **2. Update**

Dr. Cobble informed the committee that enrollment had increased slightly. The program had made progress on the online hybrid course and there had been an increased interest in it. There will be a tour today of the new facility which will hopefully dispel the concerns of the equipment that was brought to light with the recent surveys. Jo Ann explained to the group that there was a grant from Carl Perkins that allowed the Health Professions to purchase equipment that they may not have been able to otherwise.

## **3. Re-Accreditation**

Dr. Cobble reported that the Self Study for CoAEMSP was mailed on Wednesday. The site visit will be conducted in the fall for two and a half days which historically they have arrived on Sunday and finalized their visit on Wednesday of the same week. The Site committee will want to meet with committee members, students, graduates and faculty. The dates for the site visit had been requested in September but the dates had not been confirmed yet. There were many hours spent on gathering the data then analyzing and Jo Ann concluded by telling the group that Leaugeay had done a very good job.

Leaugeay provided documentation of the EMS Programs Strengths and Limitations and among those Leaugeay commended Dr. Cody the new Medical Director for his commitment to the program. Some of the other strengths mentioned were the clinical experiences becoming more structured due to training of the Clinical Instructors along with the use of FIDAP for tracking the experiences.

The limitations and challenges included staying current in technology, access to quality clinical sites, communication within the program and the continuing problem of attrition.

Leaugeay described some of the processes used to identify the program's strengths and limitations. Included in them were surveys provided by CoAEMSP and student surveys each semester.

During the evaluation of the data it showed that several of the Advisory Committee facilities and Field Sites rated the equipment used by the EMS Program as average and out of date. Leaugeay addressed the equipment issue by informing the group what the EMS Program currently used. This was followed up by a tour of the new lab.

There were several plans to correct the deficiencies such as requesting an additional fulltime faculty, implementation of FIDAP, and acquiring more clinical sites. Jo Ann informed the group on the exceptional job Shelly Tevis had done in keeping our students in at St. Anthony's when all other EMS Programs had been excluded and also in lining up a new OR facility for the students to do live intubations.

Leaugeay opened the floor for questions.

## **4. Tour of Facilities & Equipment**

The group was then taken on a tour of the new facility. Leaugeay explained the equipment that was being used now along with the use of the fully functioning ambulance and ADL Lab. Leaugeay introduced Valerie Frederick who is the Lab Assistant for all the Health Programs in the Health Professions Division. The group returned to the meeting room to continue.

## **5. NR Pass Rates**

Leaugeay provided the members with the documentation showing the National pass rates from January 2008 through January 2009. She also informed the group that the OCCC Paramedic Program was ranked number one by the OSDH this year.

## **6. Program Changes**

Richard Kelly who teaches the EMS OPS class is redeveloping the class to include an online section which will be ready for the FALL 2009 semester. The online Paramedic Program is continuing to be a success. Harvey commented on how dedicated the students that were enrolled were. They were generally older students that have had experienced the field and seemed more knowledgeable than the on campus class.

### **a. Faculty Activities**

Several of the faculty has been active with the National Registry along with the Medic Update. Brent and Bruce had attended an Item Writing Workshop during the semester.

### **b. Medical Director Involvement**

Dr. Cody the new Medical Director for the EMS Program has been very active with the students this semester. He assisted with ACLS, PALS testing, along with handling some student issues. Dr. Cody addressed the committee and explained that the program was important to him. He has had the opportunity to meet with the PC IV students during their gatekeeper rotations and found they were confident and competent. Most were able to identify their own weaknesses and had made their own plan to correct them. He did have one student in re-mediation.

### **c. Pharmacology**

Leaugeay reported to the group that the Pharmacology course which focuses on EMS was one of the weak areas in the program. During the summer Sheri Givens, Dr. Cody, and Harvey Conner were going to work on writing an online Pharmacology class.

## **7. Enrollment & Completion**

### **a. Initiatives**

The EMS Paramedic Program has a Fire Mentor Program with the OCFD which is directed Delonna Fowser. Dr. Aquino was key in the development of the initiative.

The EMS Program has a peer mentoring group that pays the students for their time.

### **b. Clinicals**

With the growing needs for nursing in the clinical field there are not as many clinical sites for the EMS programs. Shelly Tevis told the group that since she has been attending NESAs for

the Health Professions the EMS Program at OCCC was allowed to be on the list which also opened up the process for the other EMS Programs.

## **8. Committee Input on Graduates / Curriculum /Program**

### **a. Surveys**

Leaugeay informed the committee that the EMS Program was looking at purchasing more equipment through Carl Perkins. Leaugeay asked if there was anything that the program could do to produce better students. Sean Elsten a graduate of the program stated that the large amount of paperwork that was required to pass the program was very beneficial in the field.

## **9. As May Occur**

There was talk about offering ACLS and PALS training for the community. At the present Shelly Tevis and Sheri Givens have been going to local schools to train the students in CPR. They are looking for more CPR Instructors to help with this process.

Dr. Cody had asked if EMS had an explorer program which they do not at this time. He also suggested that the students participate with the University of Oklahoma's stretcher teams to evacuate people with medical needs from the stadium. This would be a good Service Learning activity plus get to see the game.

Sheri said they had participated at Camp Kidney which is a diabetic camp at Texoma Lake as a medic for Service Learning.

Leaugeay adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Debby Martinez