

# Medical Professions Advisory Board Minutes

## December 4, 2008

Members Present: Pennie Brewer, Teresa Briggs, Pauline Fuller, Helen Holtzen, Paula Hartz, Glenda Lee, Paul Rehberg, Bob Solinger, and Barbara Wesner

Members Absent: Calinda Green, Linda Ketchell, and Sarah Robinson

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:35 p.m.

1. Welcome – all members were welcomed by Teresa Briggs, medical professions instructor
2. Introductions – all members introduced themselves and their backgrounds
3. Explanation of Medical Professions and Department of Workforce Education (DWE) Requirements – Teresa Briggs explained how the Medical Professions program worked according to DWE guidelines  
Class Progression:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year (open to seniors, juniors, and sophomores – sophomores require interview prior to admittance) (students must have 2.0 gpa)
    - a) Introduction to Medical Professions (9 weeks)
    - b) Medical Terminology (9 weeks)
    - c) Human Anatomy and Physiology (18 weeks)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year (open to those who have successfully completed 1<sup>st</sup> year with at least a 2.0 gpa)
    - d) CNA I (Medical Procedures) (18 weeks)
    - e) CNA II (18 weeks)

After successful completion of entire program, students are eligible to take the Arkansas Certified Nursing Assistant Exam.

4. SkillsUSA – State Competition in Hot Springs – Arkansas DWE requires that all technical programs participate in a technical student organization. RTC has chosen SkillsUSA. Campus-wide monthly meetings are held involving all technical areas. SkillsUSA focuses on workforce readiness and professionalism. Each April the state competition is held in Hot Springs. Participating students from the state compete in competitions related to their technical area or general workforce preparedness skills. Examples include, First Aid and CPR, Basic Nursing Skills, Nurse Assistant Skills, Job Interview, and Health Knowledge Bowl. Students obtaining a gold medal receive a full tuition scholarship to over 25 colleges within the state of Arkansas. Gold medal winners are then eligible to attend the National Competition in Kansas City in June.

- a. Sponsors? – The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 plus an additional \$50 for food. Students are looking for sponsors for the trip. All sponsors receive a framed certificate. All contributions are tax deductible.
5. Location change to former Washington Regional Medical Center 2009??  
The Medical Professions program will no longer be housed at its current location as of June 30, 2009 upon expiration of its lease. It is believed that the program, along with the Dental Program, will be moved to the former Washington Regional Medical Center on the corner of North and College Streets. Lease negotiations are ongoing and more information will be provided when available. The tentative lay-out of the classroom, skills lab, storage rooms and offices were view and discussed.
6. Program changes for Fall 2009 – all classes will be for concurrent high school and college credit. This should increase enrollment by allowing high school students to obtain elective college credit while in high school.
7. Questions, Concerns, Ideas, and Input
  - Members encouraged more student education on Alzheimer's Disease and behaviors in general. Members state that new CNA's often have difficulty with resident behaviors and more education will be helpful. Possible guest speaker includes Pat Hale from Generations and Transitions.
  - Members state they need CNA's. Most PCA training is done on site within each individual facility
  - Med Tech is a possible avenue to look into that may increase enrollment. Members unaware of any med tech program in this area and med techs appear to be the way of the future. Med tech curriculum and oversight in through the State Board of Nursing.
  - Members suggested using successful former students as advertising to obtain new students still in high school.
  - Members suggested talking with the MASH program through AHEC to recruit more students.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted. December 9, 2008.

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