MINUTES: MLT Advisory Committee
Spring 2010: Thursday, May 13, 2010, 4-5 PM, Room 2327

Present: Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Mary Rickel, Heather Knaebel, Gillian Lewis, Tony Costa (substituting for David Cunningham), Dorothy Canavan, James Nakasone, and Dr. Ferreri.
Absent: Chris Edwards, Kelly Johnson, Barbara Loney and Kristen Engstrom.

1. Committee Chair – Sue Seegers was the chair for the meeting in Kelly Johnson’s absence. Molly Morse asked for a committee member to volunteer to chair a future meeting. The meeting started at 4:05pm.

New member, Mary Rickel was introduced. Mary teaches the MLT 121 Phlebotomy Essentials lecture/laboratory course and is instructor for Phlebotomy Practicum courses Winter and Summer quarters. She works as a Medical Technologist part time at Northwest Clinical Laboratory.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. There were not corrections, or additions.

2. MLT Graduate Survey –
It was suggested that length of employment or why someone left a job be included in the survey. MLT graduate survey will include questions on jobs, how graduates liked their job, and if they left, why. Graduate survey will be sent to 2009 MLT Graduates.

The following additions to the graduate survey were made:
   How are you doing in your job or job search?
   MLT (ASCP) exam: Scheduled__, taken________
   Permanent email address:________________________
   Changing career plans:
      Plan to continue your education: __bachelor degree, __ masters degree, __ other

3. External Review Committee
Division Dean, Gillian Lewis, announced that an external review process is no longer required for Professional Technical Programs with Accrediting agencies. Professional Technical Programs participating in accreditation process have met the external review requirement.

4. Distance Learning / Report & Discussion:
Sue Seegers reported the Shoreline MLT Program has an MLT student at Whidbey General Hospital for student laboratory courses regularly scheduled Fall and Winter quarter. Both Sue and Molly worked with clinical staff to modify and present student laboratory exercises and assignments. Shoreline MLT Faculty had regularly scheduled telephone conference calls with the students for lecture courses.

The spring practicum courses in Hematology/Coagulation, Chemistry/Urinalysis and Microbiology were scheduled.
Heather Knaebel reported that she had visited and talked with Blood Bank staff regarding the MLT student training. Student lectures would be posted online, and student laboratory/practicum experience would be at Whidbey General Hospital. We are lucky that Robert Hall not only has Blood Bank experience, but has taught Blood Bank. Molly reported that he textbook resources that could be helpful to the student.

Dr. Fererri suggested writing up our experience in training a student in both lecture and student laboratory courses at a clinical facility. Dorothy Canavan asked if lectures were presented before student laboratory work or concurrent. Shoreline kept with the same student schedule of having concurrent lecture and laboratory courses. Regarding supplies, Gillian Lewis suggested packaging supplies for facilities to help coordinate student laboratory experience.

Sue Seegers mentioned that Shoreline MLT Program was working with Edmonds Comm. College in a grant application for expanding career pathways in phlebotomy, clin. Laboratory assistant and MLT. Grant monies would help develop training and career pathways between community colleges in the group.

5. **Phlebotomy Skills Lab**
Sue Seegers said that the Phlebotomy skills laboratory in the basement level of the Health Occupations building was used by the phlebotomy students Spring quarter 2010. Mary Rickel, Phlebotomy Essential instructor, said that it was nice to have a dedicated skills lab for phlebotomy. The Phlebotomy Skills Lab is a small space, we are continuing to work with moving supplies. Mary said that there are 9 students in the current phlebotomy program. Ten students were accepted.

6. **Scholarships / Tuition Loan Programs:**
Molly announced that Soraya Aalami was the 2010 recipient of the Linda Breiwick MLT Scholarship for $400. Soraya also received the Siemens / Dade Scholarship for $1,000.

Gillian Lewis announced that Molly Morse nominated Elleni Wolde for the SCC Foundation Merit Scholarship for $2400. Health Occupations could submit one nominee, and Elleni Wolde was selected at a Health Occupation Program Director’s meeting. Elleni is a foreign trained in laboratory medicine, but not able to pass the national certification exam and work.

**LabCorp Tuition Reimbursement Program** is available to one Shoreline MLT student each year. The candidate selected for the 2009-2010 academic year was Allan Taggues. Allan had gone through the Shoreline Phlebotomy Program, and has worked as a phlebotomist. That’s when he realized that he would like to train as an MLT. This is a wonderful example of Phlebotomy as a career ladder opportunity for other healthcare careers.

7. **New analyzer**
Sue Seegers announced that the MLT Program submitted a request for Randox countertop chemistry and immunology analyzer to the Shoreline Professional Technical Program. The **Randox RX Monza** is a compact semi-automated analyzer and ideal for low volume testing. There are up to 128 tests available, and will allow us
to select tests that we are currently not able to perform in the student laboratory. The RX Monza has QC software that stores up to 1000 patient results and one year of QC values.

8. Handling Biohazard waste
Molly Morse asked the committee for standard of practice in clinical facilities regarding disposal of microbiology media plates. The BioScience Aid has requested that we autoclave all media plates and then discard in regular waste. Dorothy Canavan recommended separating medical plates with growth, and handling with biohazardous waste. Molly will see that this change is effective immediately.

9. Other: Certification Exam / First Time Taker Results
Twenty two MLT graduates signed up to take the MLT (ASCP) exam in 2009. Eighteen passed the exam on the first attempt. The four students who did not pass the exam on the first attempt, all were English as a Second Language students. Dorothy asked if all score exam scores were low for these students or just certain content areas. Molly said that all four students had low scores in all content areas. Molly reported that the MLT Program will change the minimum passing grade in the MLT Program courses from 70% to 75% which is consistent with other Healthcare Program grade structure. Second, Gillian Lewis recommended more instructor feedback on written assignments.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

NEXT MEETING:
Wed., October 27th 2010, from 4:30-5:30PM, Rm TBA
Health Occupations Building, 2300, Shoreline Community College
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