MLT Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes

4-5 PM, Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Central Conference Room, Administration, 1000 Bldg

Welcome: Molly Morse

Chair: Mary Rickel

Present: Mary Rickel, Kelly Johnson, David Cunningham, Gillian Lewis, Tina Carpenter, Linda Breiwick, Shelley Lankford, Molly Morse, Sue Seegers, Christopher Edwards, Jackie Degler, Gail Williams and Anne McGrew

Absent: James Nakasone, Kristin Engstrom, Dorothy Canavan, and Laurance Ferreri

New members: Jackie Degler (Puget Sound Blood Center), Anne McGrew (Swedish – First Hill) and Gail Williams (Puget Sound Blood Center)

Anne McGrew is replacing Dorothy Canavan a long time member.

MLT and Phlebotomy Students

Phlebotomy Program class that started Fall 2011 has 10 students. Mary Rickel, MLT Instructor, reports that we have clinical facilities lined up to train these students winter quarter.

The MLT class that was just admitted for academic year 2011-2012 had 20 full time MLT students, and 2 part time MLT students. There are fewer Microbiology practicum training sites this year, and some facilities are taking a break due to computer implementation projects, staffing.

Sue Seegers reported that the MLT class of 2010-2011 graduated seven students in August, and 14 in December 2011. A total of 24 students graduated. Three graduates have already taken jobs. Four graduates have registered for the MLT (ASCP) exam, and one student has taken and passed the exam. One student has dropped the program.

Update Clinical Training Facilities

Molly reported that there a fewer training facilities for 2011-2012 due to a variety of situations. The biggest impact to the program is the loss of MLT training at Department of Health. DOH trained 6 MLT students.

Linda Breiwick reported that she is contacting new clinical facilities to MLT students. She is HECO (Health Career Education Opportunities Grant) MLT Project Coordinator. This is a grant with Everett Comm. College, Edmonds Comm. College, Bellingham Comm. College, and Cascadia Comm. College. The purpose of the grant is to increase students in all laboratory careers: phlebotomy, clinical laboratory assistant and medical laboratory technician.
**Puget Sound Blood Bank**

Jackie Degler was the instructor for the MLT 244 Integrated Immunohematology course taught Summer quarter 2011. The course returned to SCC campus. She taught two laboratory sections and lectures. Molly Morse thanked Puget Sound Blood Center for their support. The MLT student laboratory is not big enough to train all students in one laboratory section. Shelley Lankford mentioned that the training laboratory at DOH may be available. She would have to check with their schedule, and she would let us know.

**Medical Laboratory Science Continuing Education**

Sue talked about the MLT Program offering some continuing education courses. These would be non-credit courses, and offered to help graduates review for the certification exam, and also offer professional people opportunities to review skills. Sue mentioned that one graduate registered for her Chemistry lecture course and then took the Chemistry Specialty exam and passed.

Molly mentioned that a benefit to people in that profession is that we can get PACE (ASCLS) credit or certificate of attendance for work or re-certification.

Shelley Lankford mentioned that a DOH class on shipping and packaging specimens was cancelled, and it would be great if there were some way to teach this course.

**Shoreline CC MLT Program “40th Class Reunion” planning**

Linda Breiwick and Tina Carpenter have been asked to help work with organizing a MLT class reunion. David Cunningham, Director Workforce Education, talked about the Nursing event. He said that the music department was one of the best, and could supply music for the event. Both David and Gillian Lewis, HO/BUS Division Dean, talked about using either the PUB or the Shoreline City Hall for the event.

It was suggested that we target not only MLT graduates, but hospitals and clinical trainers and supervisors. Shelley said that she has experience making brochures.

Several people on the MLT Advisory Committee expressed interest in the event, and helping with the event: Jackie Degler, Christopher Edwards, Sue Seegers, Tina Carpenter, Linda Breiwick and Sue Seegers. David mentioned that a business faculty person places students in internship opportunities, and they may be able to work with us.

David Cunningham said that he would be willing to meet with an interest group, and get us started. He suggested sometime in the next couple of weeks. He also suggested that the event could be held in April/May 2012.

**Linda Breiwick MLT Program Scholarship – SCC Foundation**

Linda Breiwick announce that 2011 MLT Program Scholarship recipient, Jennifer Valente. She is currently training at Swedish-Edmonds, and will graduate in December 2011.
Linda announced that she anticipated 2012 award would be 2 MLT Program scholarships for $500 each. Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories and PACLAB, LLC made a donation of $1000.

Next Meeting: Has not been schedule, but will probably following the reunion event in Late May 2012.

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