WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

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Component: MLT Advisory Committee
Chairman: Nancy Shoaf
Date & Time of Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 5:50pm
Members Present: Beverly Berry, Dr. James Parker, Jeremiah Parker, Nancy Shoaf, Barry Street
Members Absent: Karen Atkinson, Virginia Barnes, Mark Berry, David Lail, Michelle McBride, Brenda Ritch, Mark Whipple
Guests Present:
Forward Additional Copies to: Dr. Michael Helmick, Dr. Chad Bledsoe, Atticus Simpson, Sandra Hoilman and WPCC Minutes. *(WPCC Minutes is listed on Outlook)*

(Please give a brief summary of discussion and a description of all action taken.)

Nancy Shoaf opened the meeting at 5:50 with introductions of all members. Barry Street was recognized for his 36 yrs of service to the MLT Advisory Committee and thanked for his many contributions and support of the MLT program.

2. **Old Business**:

Update on PBT Curriculum Program: Beverly Berry
Update on PBT Continuing Education

Beverly Berry reported that the Spring Phlebotomy program will be run through continuing education with 48 hrs of clinical at Catawba, Frye and Blue Ridge hospitals. Starting in Fall, 2015, the program will be run through curriculum with 100 hrs clinical training. The curriculum program has been approved by the NCCCS. Currently, WPCC is advertising for an instructor. Beverly will the coordinate of the program.

2014 MLT Graduates

Nancy Shoaf announced that the 2014 graduates achieved a 100% pass on the BOC(ASCP) exam. Eight of the nine graduates participated in the certification. Currently, all of these graduates are employed.

3. **New Business**

Nancy Shoaf gave the following update on the two current classes:

Class of 2015 has 8 students in 7 clinical sites.
Class of 2016 had 23 accepted students, but two withdrew before classes began. There are currently 18 students remaining in the class. There have been very serious student behavioral problems in the

class, but these have been resolved allowing the class to move forward. Beverly Berry had several suggestions of how to address some of these behavioral problems in the future by incorporating the essential functions into evaluated objectives for MLT 110.

Available clinical sites for 2015 are diminishing because Valdese is closing in- patient facilities. Barry Street recommended that a student not be placed there for next year due to low volume. Other possible sites are:

CHS, Blue Ridge, Morganton
Frye Regional, Hickory
Catawba Valley Medical, Hickory
CMC- Cleveland, Shelby
CMC- Lincoln (no micro), Lincolnton
Rutherford Regional, Rutherfordton
Wilkes Regional, Wilkesboro
Caldwell Memorial, Lenior
Watauga Regional, Boone

Removing Valdese from the list may require some students to drive an extended distance to a clinical site.

Dr Parker asked Jeremiah how students felt about their prospects in the laboratory profession. Jeremiah answered that they felt that the Program prepared them well for employment and many clinical instructors encouraged him by indicating they would like for him to work with them. However, the bottom line was that there had to be an opening.

Nancy Shoaf reported that the new organization of Health Science Division has placed it with Developmental Studies under the leadership of Ann Marie McNeely. There was some discussion of this among the members as to the effects of the changes on the MLT program.

4. **Other Business-Discussion**

Dr Parker raised the topic of continuing education meetings. After some discussion, it was suggested that the MLT Program sponsor an event Spring, 2015. Dr Parker offered to host the meeting at Frye Regional Medical Center. Case studies were suggested by Dr Parker as an excellent topic so that students and others could see the broader picture of how laboratory testing is utilized in diagnosis and treatment of patients.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.