Allied Health
Advisory Committee Meeting
February 25, 2008

I. Members Present
Lavel Holloway, RN—DON-Batesville Healthcare
Gregory Persinger, RN—DON-Crown Point Nursing and Rehab
Joe Walls, WRMC- Cherokee Village site coordinator
Diane VanCleave, LPN-Clinical Adjunct
Ruby Johnson-RN, BSN-Ozarka College Allied Health Division Chair
Alison DeLong, RN, MSN-LPN Instructor, Mt. View Campus
Valerie West, RN -LPN Instructor, Ozarka College
Dr. Mike DeLong, VPAA—Ozarka College

II. Purpose of the Advisory Committee:
Ruby shared the purpose of the advisory committee and that the input they have
does have a voice in new policies needed and changes that are needed as seen
outside the college. The Committee survey was handed out and to be completed.

III. Old Business
Approval of minutes from previous minutes dated November 15, 2006. Val West
made a motion to accept the minutes, and was seconded by Greg Persinger

IV. New Business
Approval of LPN Philosophy and Objectives: copies were handed out amongst
the group to review and a motion was made by Joe Wall to accept as written and
seconded by Greg Persinger. A copy of Ozarka’s mission statement was also
handed out for their information. The Nursing Mission must reflect the overall
College Mission.

HIM--report by Ruby in Cindy’s absence. Discussion was held regarding the
marketability of HIM graduates in any of the facilities. Joe Walls stated that he
has always grown his own, due to low paying job and codes change so much that
they are always updating the insurance clerks. Also, that his clinics are not using
electronic transcription and no longer uses a transcriptionist. The hospital at
WRMC still does; however, they will be phasing that out soon, since they too are
going to electronic transcription. Greg and Lavel had input as to their billing
person needs to either be a nurse or work closely with the nurse to do the billing
in the nursing homes, because of this they could not pay a lot of money for a biller with the added cost of the nurse.

Update on RN program. 8 students last year, the overall program thus far pass rate is 94% with 7 left to test. We have increased enrollment into the RN program to 20.

New LPN applications, we have currently around 80 applicants to date for 60 slots in the fall. The application process will not end until March 31, 2008. Pass rate for current LPN’s is 92% with 7 left to test. Some discussion was held with Joe Walls asking about weekend clinicals. Dr. DeLong stated that if at some point we did do an evening class that the weekend clinicals would be a good opportunity for that.

The EMT program opened enrollment for the spring, but since we only had 4 students, we cancelled and will have another class in the fall.

AH Program, CNA and Phlebotomy for traditional students as well as the local 7 High Schools. That some graduates from this program may be Juniors in school, but will be able to test and work during the summer, as well as graduating seniors work during the summer before starting college. This program will also feed the LPN program.

Clinical sites—be sure to let us know if we are overrunning your facility or if something is happening that we need to move our students. Greg states that he is glad to have our students and his nurses really like having them there. Lavel also stated the same. Joe is glad to have students in his clinic as well.

V. Open Discussion

Greg felt that the Gen. Ed. Classes at Ozarka should be held to a higher standard. That sometimes as a student here he felt that they should have moved on through the curriculum instead of slowing down for the ones that didn’t get it. I told him that to teach we have to teach to the entire class, not leave some behind but not hinder others. Dr. DeLong stated, we have to find the middle of the road when teaching a class. Diane also has been a student here and relays that Ozarka teaches to the demographics of the students and tries to ensure their success and understanding of the material in these classes. Alison spoke of teaching at both the college and the university level and how you have to adapt your teaching to the entire class not just a few.

VI. Adjourn

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm by Val West, seconded by Diane VanCleave.

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Results of Advisory Committee Survey

1. a. What are the strengths of the Allied Health Programs?
   It is local and puts out many nurses. The locality is helping raise standards in our community.
   Knowledge and dependability
   LPN, RN Program

   b. What are the weaknesses’?
   I wish discipline and curriculum was stricter, but that is personal, I think the program does well with both.

2. What improvements do you recommend that could improve the quality and skills of the graduates?
   No responses

3. Has your company/organization hired an Allied Health graduate? What level?
   Yes, Technical Certificate (LPN, EMT)
   Results—3, 3, ?
   Yes, Assoc. of Applied Sc. RN
   Results—1,?, No response

4. In your opinion, what is the job placement outlook for the grads in this program, not only at your facility, but statewide?
   Wide open, they can get a job anywhere, in any town in Arkansas
   Great
   Good

5. What certification/accreditation do you recommend in the future?
   ?, No response x2

6. Evaluate how the allied health division could better market our program.
   5 Most favorable; 4 could be favorable; 3 may or may not be favorable; 2 less favorable; 1 not favorable
   Billboards 5,5,4
   Newspaper ad 2,4,5
   Webpage 2,5,5
   Direct contact 3,5
   Radio 1,5
   Cable TV 1,4
   College Catalog 5,5
   Word of mouth 4,5
   Community presence 4,5

7. What recommendation do you have for professional development opportunities for instructors, administrators and staff to stay current in your career area?
   Don’t Know, no response x2