The following members of the LPN Advisory Committee met at the Ozarka campus for the fall meeting. Members present were; Annette Estes, Kim Warren, Alisa Sanders, Donna Rodman, Wanda Hawkins, Debbie Kehrli, Sherry Wilkinson, Alice Guthrie, Debra Windham. Nursing staff included Linda Morgan, Department Chair, Tracy McLaughlin, instructor, Carol Miller, instructor.

Linda Morgan, Department Chair, welcomed all members and introduced the two new nursing instructors, Tracy McLaughlin, RN and Carol Miller, RN. A meal, served by Ozarka dietary staff, was enjoyed by all. Previous minutes were read and a motion was made by Alisa Sanders and seconded by Kim Warren to approve minutes as read.

A copy of the Program Advisory Committee purpose was given to all members and a discussion was held. The Advisory Committee will be comprised of members that work directly with the nursing students. Members discussed the different levels of LPN students related to the procedures that they are trained to do. A suggestion was made to send participating facilities a list of things that the student is allowed to do.

Old Business: The new nursing building is now completed. An open house will be held on September 28, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. Invitations will be sent.

New Business: A draft of ASBN’s Substance Abuse Policy was presented and discussed. A meeting will be held September 28th to review the state draft.

Due to the shortage of nurses, an additional LPN class will be opened. Applications are now being accepted for the next class to begin in January 2001.

November 5th, December graduates will take the Arnett test (mock LPN boards). Graduating nurses have voted on the facility and nurse of the year. December 10, 2001, 7:30 P.M. has been set for LPN, PTA graduation.

Attention was brought to Ozarkas catalogue to review the new revised mission statement. The LPN Philosophy and Objectives were read and discussed. The following statement will be added to the objectives: “Use the skills and abilities named in the College’s philosophy of general education so that they may become lifelong learners.” A motion was made by Carol Miller and seconded by Alisa Sanders to accept this additional statement.