
Miami Dade County Public Schools

Career & Technical Education
1100 N.W. 71st Street
Miami, Florida 33150

Minutes of

Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting

February 29, 2012
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center
Faculty Dining Room
750 NW 20th Street
Miami, Florida 33127

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronda Mims, Instructional Supervisor
Health Science Department

Gloria Mendoza, PN Department Head
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Magaly Parets, Curriculum Support Spec.
Health Science Department

Brenda Washington, PN Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Joyce Griffiths, Pharmacy Tech. Teacher
South Dade Adult Center

Denise Simpson-Gonzalez, PCT Teacher
D.A. Dorsey Adult Center

Aurea Hurtado, Dental Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Maria Berrones, Med. Asst. Teacher
South Dade Adult

Glenda Algaze, Dental Instructor
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Tracie McCullough, Assistant Principal
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Marcela Shur, Dental Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Nicole DieuLona, Associate Director
Nursing, Jackson Memorial Hospital

Dorothy Albury, Instructor
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

LaTonda James, Lead Community Org.
Neighborhood Housing Ass.

Shirley Patterson, Nursing Assistant Teacher
South Dade Adult Center

Susan Guizar, Practical Nursing Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Odalis Pereira, Assistant Director
Jackson Memorial Hospital – Perdue

Caridad Sanchez, VicePrincipal Academics
Florida National College

Guillermo Araya, Campus Dean
Florida National College

Melinda Cralwey, Dental Hygienist
IBT Med. Dental Supply

Teresa Hicky, CNO
Westchester General Hospital

Ibia Bustelo, Surgical Technical Instructor
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, RN Instructor
Miami Dade College Nursing Faculty

Loreto Almonte, Allied Health Dept. Head
Florida National College

Fernando Munoz, Professor
Florida National College

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Ronda Mims, Health Science Instructional Supervisor started the meeting at 8:45 a.m. by welcoming everyone present in the meeting and for their commitment and dedication to participate in the advisory committee which is an integral part of the Miami Dade County Public Schools, Career & Technical Division Health Science Department.

Ms. Mims asked that all the faculty and members present to introduce themselves by saying their name, institution's name and their role as a member or instructor in the healthcare field.

Minutes from previous meeting were read, and Ms. Glenda Algaze moved to approve the minutes as read.

NEW BUSINESS

Two of our Technical Centers are getting ready for the Council on Occupational Education (COE) visits in order to renew their accreditation. COE is the organization that accredits our Post-Secondary Programs. Miami Lakes just submitted their renewal application for COE, Robert Morgan is preparing for COE's visit during the month of October 2012. Lindsey Hopkins just passed their renewal and will not be visited until 2014. Ms. Mims mentioned the importance that industry's input has in the quality of education to we provide to our children and adults in Health Science.

It was mentioned also, that the State of Florida has developed new system for grading the Secondary Schools. Now, starting this school year 2011-2012, the grading will be based on FCAT results, Advanced Placement tests (AP) dual enrollment and industry certification. Industry certification has to do mainly with Career & Technical Education courses, for example Certified Nursing Assistant, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant and EKG Aide, and after the students took these tests and passed, the results helped many of the schools that were failing to obtain a better school grade from the State. One of the requirements that the State has is that

at least fifty percent of the students enrolled in the different classes previously mentioned pass the test in order to be able to continue with the program the following school year.

The Board of Nursing had a meeting in South Florida, and all the Nursing Assistant instructors were invited, and had the opportunity to get the experience and all the information pertaining to the new requirements and regulations put together by the Board, in which they mentioned that if the programs do not have a good passing rate, those programs will be recommended to be closed.

Ms. Mims mentioned the CMAA and the EKG tests which are good tests to maintain a good passing rate for the schools, and she encouraged the teachers to take the tests and become certified. In the past we were able to offer the teachers to take the tests through a grant offered by the University of Central Florida, which is no longer available but teachers could register and take the test on their own, and pay for the test themselves and become certified in the same industry certification that they are encouraging the students to take.

Dual enrollment with the technical centers was also mentioned in the programs of Allied health in Secondary which is Medical Assistant in Post-Secondary, and Dental Aide in Secondary and Dental Assistant in Post-Secondary. The member present from Miami Dade College asked if they were able to dual enrollment as well, and it was mentioned that the problem is that Ms. Miller, in Miami Dade College Dental Department, is not in favor of doing any articulation or dual enrollment with Miami Dade County Public Schools.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Ms. Algaze from Miami Lakes mentioned that they opened a Dental Assistant class at night and they also have it during the day. It was also mentioned that many of the students after they complete the Dental Assistant Program they decide to pursue a career as dentists. A digital Radiography was purchased for the program. It was very costly, but students will be exposed to the latest technology which is used in the industry.

Ms. Albury from Lindsey Hopkins mentioned that they had 100% students graduating, and three are already working and another three are attending Broward Community College to pursue a higher degree. She also mentioned that now she has 20 students, some already doing externship with doctors at Lindsey's clinic.

Ms. Aurea Hurtado from Robert Morgan Educational Center, mentioned that they have 100% job placement, and that they are very fortunate since they have the clinic right there on campus where they get dentists to volunteer their time and students have their hands-on experience right in their own school. Students from Robert Morgan attended the dental career fair and that after attending they got phone calls to get references for the students that attended, and that the public was very impressed with them.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Maria Berrones from South Dade Adult Center mentioned that she had 100% for the CMAA and EKG Aide test which she encouraged the students to take in order to get more possibilities of obtaining a job after they complete the program. Ms. Berrones mentioned also that they will be having a career fair at their school March 8, 2012, and she invited all the members present to participate.

Ms. Algaze, from Miami Lakes Educational Center, mentioned that they also have the Medical Assistant Program in the Post-Secondary School, and that they have an articulation program from the Allied Program in the Secondary program to the Medical Assistant. After the students complete the High School immediately they register in the Post-Secondary program to complete the program.

Robert Morgan Educational Center also has articulation program from the Allied Health Program in Secondary to the Medical Assistant Program in Post-Secondary. The articulation agreements are with Miami Senior High, South Dade Senior and Robert Morgan Secondary program, in which students from these three schools attend classes and do the clinical component during the summer after they complete their high school.

MEDICAL CODER AND BILLER

We have this program at DA Dorsey, Lindsey Hopkins and The English Center, with good enrollment, since it is a very demanding program in the industry.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

Ms. Patterson from South Dade Adult Center and Ms. Denise Simpson from DA Dorsey both mentioned that the Background check for the students in Patient Care Technician is an issue, since they can't take the CNA test unless they have a clear background check. The recommendation was to inform the students before enrolling them about the requirement of the background check in order for the teachers and the school not to be responsible for this issue.

Robert Morgan has a new teacher teaching patient care technician, having a good enrollment at the moment.

Ms. Mendoza from Lindsey mentioned that the placement rate for PCT in their area is a little bit tight. They are trying to contact employers from Vitas and other nursing homes to see if they will hire some of the students and also to allow them to do the rotations before graduation.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Pharmacy Technician program had some changes in 2010, and some of the changes affected the teachers' certification, therefore we don't have it in any of the Secondary Schools anymore. We have the program at South Dade Adult Center in which Ms. Joyce Griffiths is the teacher, and mentioned that the placing is not an issue, the fee for the testing is, since Carl D. Perkins Grant cannot pay for the test.

We also have the program at DA Dorsey, and Ms. Mims informed the committee that we purchased a Medical Cart for that location at a cost of \$20,000.00, which came from the Carl D. Perkins Grant in order to enhance the equipment and the technology of the program.

A new Pharmacy Program opened at Hialeah Adult, where they have a waiting list and the current class has 35 students.

Ms. Daniels, Lindsey Hopkins Principal, came to welcome us to the school, and to mentioned how happy they were to have our meeting held at their school.

PRACTICAL NURSE

Lindsey Hopkins graduates from the Practical Nurse, 98% goes to Miami Dade College to continue with the Registered Nurse Program. Many of the students communicate with Ms. Mendoza through Facebook.

Robert Morgan Educational Center had 52 graduates from the Practical Nurse according to Ms. Washington's records. They started another class at night with 25 students. Ms. Washington Mentioned that their lab is working even with an obstetric facility for the simulator.

Miami Lakes Educational Center, mentioned that the Nursing Department head is out on a medical leave but that the entire department are stepping in to help out with the daily routine of the program. Their enrollment has increased.

It was mentioned again that the biggest problem is the clinical rotation for all health science programs.

SURGICAL TECHNICIAN

Ibia Bustelo, Surgical Technician Instructor mentioned that some changes are taking place in the program requirements. Now the accrediting body is requesting that all students completing the program must be tested. The benchmark is 80% passing rate. The cost of the test is \$290.00 and this is going to be the first year that is mandatory. They are also trying to make a regulation that all Surgical Technician be certified in order to be able to work as Surgical Techs.

SECONDARY

ALLIED HEALTH

The majority of the Allied Health Programs in Secondary have an articulation with the Post-Secondary Center where they complete their competencies after they complete their high school.

DENTAL AIDE

Articulation from Secondary to Post-Secondary is in place with good enrollment and smooth transition during the summer.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH AIDE

Many students are enrolled in this program which is half a year program, and we always request that the teachers test the students immediately after they complete the program in order to have good passing rate.

FIRST RESPONDER

This program test is extremely difficult for the students, and in the majority of the cases the students take the CMAA test in order to comply with the industry certification requirement.

MEDICAL LABORATORY

We have two programs throughout Miami Dade Public Schools.

NURSING ASSISTANT

Nursing Assistant Programs is a very successful program at a Secondary level since many schools have a good board passing rate.

VISION PROGRAM

We have the programs at Felix Varela and William H. Turner, and we will be trying to upgrade their equipment by purchasing new equipment during this school year for one school and the next school year for the other school. Both schools have a very successful program, with good enrollment and their students take the CMAA test with a good passing rate.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Violeta Aguilar Fiauly, from Miami Dade College was elected to be the new Chairperson for the Miami Dade County Public Schools Health Science Advisory Committee.

The next meeting will be approximately during the month of October 2012, and will be scheduled at Robert Morgan Educational Center.

After the election, the members were invited to visit the Health Science Labs, in order to give their input.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.