

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Division of Career and Technical Education
10151 Northwest 19th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33147**

November 7, 2013 - Minutes

The Health Science Education Advisory Committee held its meeting at DA Dorsey Educational Center, Patient Care Technician Classroom.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Chair
Latonda James
Mayney Gavilondo
Amy Pettigrew

STUDENTS: Alida Sanchez
Jimmy Galvis

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Irma Als
Sheria Blackmon
Michelle Doleyres
Ibia Bustelo
Latoyia Cuvington
Judith Kline
Dorothy Albury
Roberto Milanés
Frances Guizar
Elizabeth Hernandez
Rita Johnson
Odette Lightbourne
Ronda Mims
Pauline Morris
Chinwe Ofoleta
Magaly Parets
Brenda Washington

TOPIC

Opening of Meeting

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

DISPOSITION

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ms. Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Chairperson of the Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting.

Dr. Thomas-Duprey, Principal, welcomed everybody to DA Dorsey Educational Center present at the meeting. She also invited the group to please have breakfast.

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly asked the members to please review the minutes. Minutes were approved by Ms. Guizar and second by Ms. Hernandez

Post – Secondary Programs

Dental Assistant

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center had the teacher present, and she mentioned that she

had 5 students who graduated and 80% were placed at dentist offices.

Miami Lakes, Ms. Algaze, has 14 students enrolled, 4 graduated and 100% placement. She also informed that she has a night program with few students.

Robert Morgan, Aurea Hurtado, reported that they only have a day program, but with 38 students enrolled in the program.

EKG Technician

DA Dorsey, they have EKG as part of their PCT program.

Miami Lakes they have EKG Technician as part of their Patient Care Technician Program and they have approximately 10 to 15 students during this trimester.

Robert Morgan also has EKG technician as part of their Patient Care Technician Program. They have 15 students enrolled and 100% placement.

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly asked if it was hard to place the students once they finished the PCT, and the answer from the teachers was positive, by saying that it was pretty easy for the students to obtain jobs as a PCT, since their training was very broad.

Medical Assistant

Miami Lakes, Ms. Kline mentioned that more students are taking the RMA once they finish the program, they had 10 students taking the RMA and with 100% passing rate, and 100% placement.

Robert Morgan.

Elizabeth Hernandez reported that they are now charging students for the AAMA test fee as part of their registration fee in order to make sure that they take the test once they complete the program.

South Dade Educational Center.

Mr. Roberto Milanese has 21 students during the day together with Ms. Saez. They have a total of 21 students. Mr. Milanese is a new teacher in the program.

Medical Coding and Billing

DA Dorsey Educational Center. Ms. Irma Als has 6 students enrolled in the class, and she has 11 students doing the online program. Ms. Als informed that many students go to MDC for the mock testing, to see if they can pass the national test, which is \$400.00. So far they had 100% passing. Ms. Als also informed that with the Obama Care, Medical Coder and Biller will be impacted tremendously.

The English Center

Was not present at the time, they have the program up and running with several students as they reported in the past.

Nursing Assistant

DA Dorsey Educational Center: Ms. Lightborne reported that they have 34 students who 6 took test and passed. They also have a refresher course for those students that have problems passing the TABE test.

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center Ms.

Blackmon informed us that they have Nursing Assistant as part of PCA, and that they have 60% passing rate on the nursing assistant test.

Miami Lakes is in probation by the Board of Nursing, due to their passing rate. Most of their students come from Job Corps, and if they don't complete the hours Job Corps will not pay for the test.

Robert Morgan Educational Center: Ms.

Ofoleta mentioned that she has students taking the Nursing Assistant course also as part of the PCT Program.

Ms. Mims recommended that teachers take a closer look at the CNA students before they apply and take the test, since when they don't, the passing score affects the school's passing rate and that will put the programs on probation.

Dr. Pettigrew also mentioned that the problem in passing the test in many cases is the language barrier. CNA is offered in Spanish, but the Practical Nurse test is not, therefore many students struggle to pass both tests.

Patient Care Assistant/Technician

DA Dorsey Educational Center: Ms. Lightborne has 34 students, and some have already finished and took the test and passed. They also have a refresher course in order to help students to pass the test.

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center: As mentioned before by Ms. Blackmon they have Nursing Assistant as part of PCA, and that they have 60% passing rate in nursing assistant.

Miami Lakes Educational Center: Ms. Nelva Williams has 16 students in PCT, which has Nursing Assistant as part of the program, with good placement once they complete the program. The problem that they encounter is the same, passing the Nursing Assistant Test, for which she agrees that in many cases is the language barrier.

South Dade Educational Center/Job Corps, Ms. Griffiths from South Dade, said that unfortunately, she did not have any data available since the instructor is a new person and she could not communicate with him before the meeting.

Pharmacy Technician

DA Dorsey Educational Center: Ms. Covington, teacher for Pharmacy Tech., informed that they have 5 students in the refresher course and 5 have passed the test. They have a total of 18

students in the class. Four students registered to take the test in December 2013, and that will give us the report at the next meeting.

Miami Lakes Educational Center: Ms. Algaze informed that they have classes during the day and at night. At night is a part-time program due to the length of the program. They have 20 students, 18 students articulated from the high school program. Part-time course takes two years to complete, and 8 students took the test, and they are waiting for the results.

South Dade Educational Center: Ms. Griffiths had 14 students that graduated. Seven students already took the test and passed. Many of her students are working at CHI. Pharmacy at South Dade is only during the day. They have a total of 30 students in the program and 6 are graduating during this month.

Phlebotomy

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center: At the present time they don't have the program open, but the last time that they had the program, they 100% passing rate for the Certified Phlebotomy test from NHA.

South Dade Educational Center: Ms. Saez had two students taking the test and they both passed the test.

Practical Nursing

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center has 130 students during the day and 18 at night. Thirty eight students will be graduating in December and their passing rate is 69%.

Miami Lakes Educational Center: Ms. Doleyres has 115 students enrolled with 82.5% passing rate. They have an articulation with the high schools and they have 25 students graduating. Placement data was not available at the time of the meeting.

Robert Morgan Educational Center: Mrs.

Washington informed that they have 129 students enrolled in the program, with 82.55% passing rate.

Surgical Technician

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center: Ms. Ibia Bustelo, informed that they just completed a class and with 9 students graduating, and five students took the test, and passed. The rest of the students are in the process of applying for the test. Currently they have 22 students doing clinical rotations, and will be finishing in the spring next year.

Ms. Mims explained to the members that articulated programs are those programs that students start in the secondary programs and continue at the post-secondary centers during the summer.

Ms. Mims also informed the committee that Post-Secondary Education has industry Certifications available on the FLDOE website. Also, the state is still requiring that the teachers maintain their industry certifications current as part of their condition for employment.

We are looking forward to continue the articulations during the next school year.

Ms. James informed about some activities that were taking place in the community and that it will be very beneficial for the students to be informed and participate.

Ms. Gavilondo from Larkin Hospital mentioned that Larkin Hospital has a new Registered Nurse program available to the community.

Miami Dade College has increased the program to a BSN and they have 640 students at the present time.

Ms. Mims mentioned that we have Practical Nursing District Wide Professional Development twice a year, in which we bring

the entire faculty for an entire day, in order to give them the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in different fields that will help them with their teaching assignment. The next meeting for the Practical Nursing Staff will be February 7, 2014.

DA Dorsey was just approved by COE until 2019, and we all congratulated the administration and their staff.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the members were invited to complete the Advisory Committee Evaluation form and to visit the different labs; nursing assistant, pharmacy tech., and medical coder and biller, in order to assess their equipment and accommodations.

Next Meeting

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly announced that our next meeting will be in the Spring 2014 and that the location will be announced at a later time, and we will communicate by e-mail as usual.

Adjournment

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly thanked everyone for their commitment to health science education. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.