
Miami-Dade County Public schools
Division of Career & Technical Education
1450 Northeast Second Avenue
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Minutes of
Health Science Education Advisory Committee Meeting
Sister Emmanuel Hospital
3663 South Miami Avenue
4th Floor
Miami, FL 33133

Friday, October 6th, 2006
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beverlin Allen, Chair
Chief Nursing Officer
Sister Emmanuel Hospital

Ronda Mims, Instructional Supervisor
Health Science Department
M-DCPS

Maxinee Black-Arias,
Chair School of Nursing MDC

Virginia Cuthbert, Dept. Head
Miami Lakes Ed. Center

Judith Garcia, MA Director
Robert Morgan Ed. Center

Elizabeth Hernandez, MA Teacher
Robert Morgan Ed. Center

Magaly Parets, Curr. Support Specialist
M-DCPS

Cynthia Peacock, Director Nurse Educator
Jackson Memorial Hospital

Paula Porter, Dept. Head
Robert Morgan Ed. Center

Rosalie Poyntz, Dept. Head
Lindsey Hopkins Ed. Center

Desiree Simon, RN
Sister Emmanuel Hospital

Carol Stucchins, CEO
Health South Rehabilitation Hospital

Violet White, RN
Sister Emmanuel Hospital

STUDENTS PRESENT:

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Roxanne Campbell

Loreli Chente

Denise Rodriguez

Miami Lakes Educational Center

Sahily Escalar

Glenda Perez

Lisandra Seijo

Robert Morgan Educational Center

Monica E. Duenas

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

The meeting was called to order by Beverlin Allen at 8:40 a.m. Ms. Allen asked for introductions, and welcomed everyone to Sister Emmanuel Hospital.

It was a motion by Ms. Allen to approved the minutes and secondsecond by Ms. Cuthbert.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Ronda Mims reminded everyone that we have the National League of Nursing Accreditation visit during October 17th through the 19th, 2006, and that we are ready with the necessary documentation. Also, invitations to the NLNAC luncheon, which will be held October 17th, 2006 from 11:30 – 2:00 at Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center, were given to everyone present and encouraging them to please attend.

Ms. Maxinee Black-Arias said that she was very happy to attend our meeting, that she does not feel that we are competitors, but colleagues, since our goal is the same which is to offer good service to our students. That it is good to have programs like ours, and that is never enough programs, since the demand for nursing is always there.

The group was also given the NLNAC Self Study, in order to examine the document that needs to be presented to the accrediting committee when they come to Miami. Some of the committee members requested that a copy be e-mailed to them in order for them to take a closer look at the contents of the document, and promised that they will let us know their input before the visitation in the month of October, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Paula Porter mentioned the difficulties that the LPN programs are having with the clinical space. She also mentioned that Baptist Hospital decided not to have any

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Ms. Mims also mentioned that we were very lucky this year, since we were able to complete the upgrading of the Human Patient Simulators at all three sites, Robert Morgan, Miami Lakes and Lindsey Hopkins, and to buy an ECS (smaller version of the Human Patient Simulator) for Homestead Senior High. Since the Board of Nursing approved the use of the HPS for 25% of the clinical rotations for the PN students, the reason for the upgrading is to try to alleviate the problem with the clinical rotations and the hospitals.

Athe Carol Stucchins mentioned that at her facility they only have positive experiences with the PN students and their only wish is that they had more space to be able to help with more students attending the Afor the facility.

Attending the meeting was Ms.

Judith Garcia, Program Director for the Medical Assistant Program at Robert Morgan Educational Center, who introduced Elizabeth Hernandez, who is presently the instructor for the program, and is also graduated from the same Medical Assistant Program. They announced that they were going through the CAHEEP accreditation on April 17 and 18, 2007 and at that time they will have their onsite visit. This accreditation will allow the students to sit for the examination once they complete the program and become Certified Medical Assistants, a credential recognized nationally. They announced that they presently have 23 students, 22 female and 1 male. Also, they said that Medical Assistant week is coming up from October 16 through 20, 2006, and that they are planning to celebrate with a luncheon with the students and by doing Blood Pressure screening of the entire student body at Robert Morgan Educational Center.

Ms. Mims also mentioned that during this past summer, students from South Dade and Miami Senior High were able to articulate with Robert Morgan and, therefore, they completed the program. The majority of the students are working in doctors offices for which we already got letters of recognition as to the quality of the instruction given to the students. Also, when the students become a CMA at Robert Morgan, they can go to Miami-Dade College and enter in the Nursing transition program and do it in a much faster way than the traditional Nursing Program. Ms. Black-Arias mentioned that the transition program is the way to go in the present time, because Miami-Dade gets 2000 applicants every year and that this year, 1000 were ready to enter the Nursing Program but they only had the capacity for 150 students, this is in the traditional Nursing Program.

We had students present from all three postsecondary centers, and they all expressed concern about the lack of space for clinical rotations, and offered to go in front of some of the hospital personnel and express their concerns.

Next meeting was scheduled for the month of April/May 2007 at Robert Morgan Educational Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.