

Miami Dade County Public Schools

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

Minutes of

Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting

Miami Lakes Educational Center
Nursing Department
Friday, May 20, 2011
8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronda Mims, Instructional Supervisor
Head Health Science Department

Gloria Mendoza, PN Department
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Magaly Parets, Curriculum Support Spec.
Health Science Department

Hazel Pitts-Johnakin, PN Instructor
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Eric Harris, Pharmacy Teacher
D.A. Dorsey Adult Center

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

Brenda Washington, PN Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Maria Garcia, Med. Asst. Teacher
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Marc Mortensen, Pastor
First Baptist Church

Sheria Blackmon, CNA Teacher
Miami Carol City Senior

Aurea Hurtado, Dental Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Luis Espinosa, Instructor
Miami Edison Senior High

Susan Starks, PN Department Head
Homestead Senior High

Brenda Wilder, CNA Teacher
William H. Turner Senior

Elizabeth Hernandez, Medical Asst. Director
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Maria Berrones, Med. Asst. Teacher
South Dade Adult

Judith Kline, Medical Assist. Teacher
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Glenda Algaze, Dental Instructor
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Marcela Shur, Dental Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Annette Torres, Allied Health Asst.
South Dade Senior

Dorothy Albury, Instructor
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Dr. Kris Kwangwari
Pharmacist

Robert Campos, EMT Instructor
Miami Edison Senior

Jose Marti, EMT
City of Miami Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Deborah Piehl from Mercy Hospital started the meeting with a prayer from Pastor Mark Mortis.

Minutes were called to be approved by Mrs. Piehl @ 8: 47. Motion to approve the minutes by Glenda Algaze. It was second by Maria Berrones.

Ms. Piehl welcomed the attendees and ask for introductions. Mrs. Mims introduced and thanked Steve Steinfield from Fisher Science technology representative for coming and for providing breakfast for attendees.

Mrs. Mims asked for a motion to approve dental minutes. Algaze, so moved and it was seconded by Nannette Hornberger.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

POST-SECONDARY:

Mims addressed the changes in the curriculum for dental and pharmacy and addressed the OCP for each strand; both secondary and PS. She explained the meaning of OCP for industry certification. She also outlined the current Articulation of programs from high school to post-secondary adult vocational (PSAV). These programs are dental assisting, medical assisting and licensed practical nursing. The students from South Dade, RMEC, and ML will be completing the programs at PSAV by December of the same school year which will provide the PS programs with OCP and the students with an opportunity to take state certification.

Ms. Mims invited all persons present to comment and highlight areas of concern and achievement for their program and schools.

Medical Assisting

Elizabeth Hernandez reported no crucial changes for the MA program at RMEC with the exception that her program is receiving more completers thanks to the articulation between HS and PS. RMEC had become an approved school with American Medical Technology and students are taking the RMA test which will give the student an advanced placement with Miami Dade Collge if they want to move into the Nursing program. She also reported that 54 new students will be coming from the secondary

schools to complete the MA program during the summer. HS students had passed the CMAA exam in addition to successfully passing the TABE test. MLEC articulation reported 15 to 20 students coming to be completers at the PSAV level. Student had already started the process of articulation. Six students had passed the RMA exam.

Maria Berrones from South Dade reported 29 students at Medical Assisting program. Students are required to take the CMAA exam prior exiting the program. She also reported 16 took the test and passed it. COE paperwork for accreditation just finished at South Dade. She also reported job placement for the program as a successful one, 87 % of students are placed after completion or they go into the military.

Two students from MLEC reported their satisfaction with the program. They also feel comfortable with the clinical rotations and instruction received at MLEC. The program had changed their lives; however, marketing is necessary because they did not know about the program prior to coming to MLEC.

No representatives or motions for Medical Billing and Coding present.

Patient Care Technician/ Assisting

Denise Gonzalez Dorsey (school) reported program is working better and so is CNA. Instructors are encouraging students to come back and get prepared for both the written and practical exam. On regards to placement, they are still using Aventura Hospital. They are trying to get into Mercy but nothing is concrete yet. Aventura allows the student to do finger stick but they do not allow them to draw blood. They are also getting experience with EKG skills. The Easter Seal is giving students a \$250.00 stipend if they are coming to work 8 hours a month. Towards the end of the program the student will receive a \$1250.00 for scholarship to complete their education. In terms of job placement students are encouraged to sign as volunteer in local hospitals, Jackson. It will be used as a job experience for future jobs. Hospitals will not hire them without experience. Dorsey is doing well. Mrs. Piehl clarified that Mercy is part of HCA as of May 1st and that the hospital is available for new contracts after switching and becoming part of the HCA; however, Mercy is still honoring all the current contracts.

Shirley Patterson reported there are 15 to 16 students every other week in the classroom at SD. The program is doing well in the open entry/ exit. She is taking students to volunteer at CHI which will be good for experience and future hiring. Homestead Hospital is considering taking students to volunteer/ clinical rotations.

Practical Nursing

Paula Porter reported that the instructors at RMEC will be attending the board of nursing meeting and that enrollment is good. Paula Porter RMEC all med students passed the CMAA exam. We continue with our CNA and PCA program.

Lisa Gomez, from MLEC reported that enrollment is somehow low this semester but hoping to get it better. Lisa Gomez from MLEC reported 24 to 30 students coming from

high school: Miami Lakes, Northwestern, and Tuner. Nineteen students have taken the Boards and only one did not pass. She has 90% percent job placement. They have a waiting list for the program. Lisa is setting up field trips to Kaplan University for the LPN programs in Pembroke Pines. She also participates in Medical assisting student articulation. We continue with the CNA, and PCT programs.

Gloria Mendoza from Lindsey Hopkins reported three ongoing classes of medical coding billing; these students receive their certification from National Career Association. Patient Care Assistant and Phlebotomy classes are also offered at Lindsey Hopkins. Medical Code and Billing is offered evenings M-R 5:30 to 9 pm. Their PN program has met the board passing rate for of Nursing.

Pharmacy

Joyce Griffith for the Pharmacy program at SD reported students who had dropped the program in the past are coming back to complete the program. Students are more enthusiastic now that they know school is working towards COE accreditation which will provide students with scholarships. 5 out of 25 PS students took the secondary test for Pharmacy and passed. 4 out of those 5 got hired. Students are encouraged and motivated to complete the program. Joyce has also requested to her principal to make background checks and drug testing for the program before the students start it. She reported that pharmacies make it mandatory for internship/job placement. She said that is heart breaking to see students go through the entire program and towards the end quit because they had had felony charges. She also introduced Dr Kris Kwangwari who serves as a mentor for the students. Dr. Kwangwari had become an instructor at the upper keys. Six students in the doing externships in the pharmacy.

Mr. Harris reported that Dorsey's COE accreditation is almost final. They will be receiving the grant money sometime in August. ASHP is what accredits the pharmacy program. He commented on the background check that he actually adds it to the bottom of the syllabus. Students also take the drug test. They pay \$ 55.00 at a local clinic for the test. He keeps this information in student's files and sends it to the local pharmacies that they have a contract with when it is time for rotations. In addition to CVS and Walgreens he was able to add 3 more pharmacies within the community: Jackson Pharmacy, Robert's drug and Direct Meds are also his clinical sites. He reported 19 students had passed the state exam. He commented the OCP's were reduced for the pharmacy strand (A, B, C1 and C2.) The new curriculum is putting emphasis on a component USB797: Aseptic Technique. The pharmacy technician program only has 2 OCP's now: A and B.

Glenda Algaze reported the Pharmacy program at Miami Lakes has 25 students. It is an open entry/ exit program. It takes 18 month to complete the program at night. Background check is also required. Mrs. Mims clarified that if background and drug tests are required by the clinical sites, it should be completed by students if they are doing their clinical rotations there.

Instructors should address those requirements with counselors at the PS level.

PN RMEC board last quarter meeting with HS coming to PS 18 total starting on June 13 and finish in December.

Surgical Tech

Bustelo is teaching it. Surgical Tech, full time had started the program.

Secondary programs

Allied Health Assistant has industry certification. District had spent last year \$139,000 in exams. Industry Certification is mandatory exam at HS. It counts toward school grade, which gives money or points to school. This year only 1 certification per student was allowed. Dr. Martin offered principals to take as many as students wanted. First responder seemed to be the most difficult exam. CNA is the most nerve wrecking exam. Students do not pass the exam as expected due to nervous issues. CAPE academy is at high school level. Offered industry certification curriculum related.

There will be a Board of Nursing meeting in Jacksonville on May 31st deals with nursing requirements. There is a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) initiative all across the nation. Miami Dade County had started and received a grant to open its first STEM school at Mast @ Homestead School with the following programs: biomedical, pharmacy and Physical Therapy. ETO schools struggling school (Booker T Washington, Northwestern, Central, Edison, Southridge and Jackson) had received a grant 372,000 over 2 years period to help the schools and add academies that will help the school.

CTE, HOSA 67 students will be attending the national conference at California. Industry Certification is going on. EKG, CMAA, First responder. University of Central Florida provided with the money for instructors to take the test as well as EKG. As per state, if the teacher doesn't have the certification, students won't be able to take the exam. MLEC students had been. HOSA president received Silver Knight winner for vocational. Joyce Brislawn, Allied Health Assistant and Dental Assisting all or her students passed the CMAA exam.

MLEC

Jenniffer Williams reported that students took the Industry Cert and is also opening job availability. My school is still attending Jackson for clinical rotations. I think we should expand the hours in the lab section; this would benefit the program.

Dental Aide, Glenda Algaze, has 13 students transitioning to the PSAV during the summer. Two students who were in dental school already have their CDA.

Jenniffer Williams MLEC students from first responder are transferring to the EKG. Glenda Algaze, first responder, students enter the first responder 44 students taking the certification exam in Kendall, site exam.

Miami Northwestern

Nannette Hornberger requested counselors to help out recruiting for the dental assisting program. More students will be attending.

Robert Morgan

Marcela Shur's students will take these three exams: CMAA, NOCTI and Florida Ready to Work.

William Turner Tech

Mark Silla has 10 students in their junior year; no seniors in Dental Technology. It is not clear if there will be a class next year. Turner Tech attended the school and uses a study guide to help students passing the test. 20 students will be testing. Med Lab, at Turner Tech has 50 students coming to the junior year. Only 1 of 59 students did not pass the CMAA. Turner Tech. has 30 Certified Nurse Assisting students this year. Martha Valdez again received a grant to purchase dissecting supplies for the vision program.

Miami Carol City

Sheria Blackmon has 28 students that took and passed the EKG. Her CNA students will test with Prometrics. There is also a first responder program at her location; they will take the certification exam as well.

Miami Edison

Mr. Espinoza, had 26 students test, only 4 passed. He is a paramedic and is very concerned about this low passing rate. He will take the exam for self-satisfaction at this point. He suggest that a field trip is a best way of getting students to take the test. Mr. Campos, EMT instructor at Fortis College is in charge of the dual enrollment program. This is a partnership with the City of Miami Fire Rescue , fortis College and Miami Dade county Public Schools. It takes students from Miami Edison, he has 14 new students coming into the program next year.

Miami Southridge

Lolita Lee took the first responder exam due because only 10 of her students passed. Exam is based in scenario, which might be the reason a large of percentage of students do not pass it. A request to purchase books was addressed but District doesn't buy books.

First Responder

MLEC has 30 students this year, Carol City has 44 students, 15 students took the test and only 2 passed. Four students did not pass any portion of the test. There are 29 students scheduled to test, waiting for approval.

John Ferguson

Pharmacy Technician program curriculum has changed. Students should graduate at HS level starting next year. Ferguson and Miami Lakes had started the program, Registered Pharmacy Tech but may face challenges in the area of certification as the Board of Pharmacy has changed the teacher certification requirements. Other new changes require a total of 7 courses at the high school level and will start at the 9th grade.

Felix Varela

The Vision program has unlimited travels to Nicaragua and Varela are helping the orphans with their prescription. Thomas had collected a school bus and filled it with supplies to help the Haiti victims.

High School students should've been schedule already to take the CMAA exam prior to June 3rd. Dr. Buksh commented on RMEC programs. Students put clinical time and work at the clinic. He proposed that instructors from both levels should be sharing their experiences in the clinical aspect.

Magaly Parets announced that Paula Porter will be retiring this year and invited her to come back to the future meetings. Mims and Parets thanked her for all the years of service to the Health Science program.

Next meeting in November notification will be announced by e-mail. Members were invited to visit the different labs at Miami Lakes. Employer verification form was passed out to be completed. Meeting was adjourned @ 11:00 AM by Mrs. Piehl.