
Miami Dade County Public Schools

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

Minutes of

Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting

October 30, 2012
Robert Morgan Educational Center
Georgio's Cafe
18180 SW 122nd Avenue
Miami, Florida

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, RN Instructor
Chairperson

Susan Guizar, Practical Nursing Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Ronda Mims, Instructional Supervisor
Health Science Department

Sheria Blackmon, 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

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

Aurea Hurtado, Dental Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Shirley Patterson, Nursing Assistant Teacher
South Dade Adult

Glenda Algaze, Dental Instructor
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Tracie McCullough, Assistant Principal
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Jane Dacks, PN Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Georgia Badman, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Dorothy Albury, Instructor
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

LaTonda James, Lead Community Org.
Neighborhood Housing Ass.

Odalís Pereira, Assistant Director
Jackson Memorial Hospital – Perdue

Lena Eustaquio, DON
Larkin Hospital

Dr. Charadra Y. Whiting
FIU/CNHS

Linda Topper, PN Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Elizabeth Hernandez, MA Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Beverly Loyd, Medical Coder Biller
Graduate Student DA Dorsey Ed. Ctr.

Ofoleta Chinwe, PCT Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Jucinite Morva, PN Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Arlen Mayorga, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Kristen Hamilton, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Jesus Flores, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Audrey P. Miller, Instructor
FIU College of Nursing

Ibia Bustelo, Surgical Technology Instructor
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Karen Crider, PN Instructor
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Irma E. Als, Medical Coder Instructor
DA Dorsey Educational Center

Susan Starks, PN Instructor
Homestead Senior High

Lucelle De Varona, PN Instructor
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Marjorie Edmond, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Jimmy Galvis, MA Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Lejing Robinson, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Shan Te'Edwards, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Advisory Committee Chairperson Health Science Instructional started the meeting at 12:25 a.m. by welcoming everyone present in the meeting and for their commitment and dedication to participate in the meetings which are an integral part of the Miami Dade County Public Schools, Career & Technical Division Health Science Department.

Ms. Aguilar Figuly asked that all the faculty and members present 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. Bustelo moved to approve the minutes as read.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McCulough, Vice-Principal from Robert Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting, and mentioned also that Robert Morgan was just approved by COE, which was a very hard task, and she mentioned the importance of having all the documents ready and prepared ahead of time in order to be ready for their visitation. They were approved for six more years. All members present were very appreciative of the lunch that Robert Morgan Culinary Program prepared for the members.

Ms. Mims mentioned the importance of the Health Science Advisory which gives input about the programs in order to keep them with high standards and up to date with the industry needs.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Ms. Albury from Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center mentioned that she has 13 students graduated, and that they are still working in obtaining their Dental Assistant License, but that they are already working in the field.

Ms. Algaze from Miami Lakes mentioned that they not only have their program during the day, but also at night. They already graduated 10 students from the night program.

Ms. Hurtado from Robert Morgan had a member of the faculty retired, and Ms. Marcela Shur transferred from the Secondary to the Post-Secondary program. Ms. Martha Feuillet was hired as a Secondary Dental Aide Instructor. They also have a night program and they just graduated seven students. Ms. Hurtado also said that one student from their program was accepted into the Hygienist program at Miami Dade. During the day they have 27 students and 12 in the evening.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Ms. Algaze, from Miami Lakes mentioned that they have between 22 to 25 students registered in the program. Ms. Judith Kline is the teacher in charge of the program. They have an articulation program from the Secondary to the Post-Secondary program, which gives the students the opportunity to complete the program once they graduate from high school.

Ms. Hernandez, from Robert Morgan mentioned that she has 21 students registered in the program and that 9 are male students, which gives gender equity. This year 19 students transitioned from the Secondary programs. They are trying to have students take the certification

through NHA for CMAA and EKG, but in many cases the lack of funds is the students' problems. The majority of the students once they complete the program, transferred to Miami Dade College Nursing Program.

Ms. Patterson mentioned that South Dade Adult, they also have a Medical Assistant Program, in which they have not only Post-Secondary students but, high school students as well. Ms. Berrones, Ms. Collins, and Ms. Saez are the teachers responsible for the program.

MEDICAL CODER AND BILLER

Ms. Als from DA Dorsey mentioned that her program has a lot of demand, and they have 15 students presently taking the program. Their program is open day and night, and it is a program with a high demand of people well trained.

Ms. Blackmon evening program has 20 students and they will complete in 2013.

The English Center also has Medical Coder and Biller, and it has been very successful for the past two years.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

Ms. Ofoleta from Robert Morgan just mentioned that she just took over the PCT program, and they will have to make some adjustments, and she also said that they have 100% passing rate for Nursing Assistant. Most of the students in the PCT want to go into the Practical Nursing Program.

Shirley Patterson from South Dade Skills Center said that she has 11 students in the PCT class, 8 of them graduated and 5 passed their nursing assistant certification.

Ms. Crider, from Miami Lakes mentioned that they have a very successful program, and that their students also want to enter into the Practical Nursing Program once they complete the PCT program.

DA Dorsey also has the PCT program, but their teacher retired, and they are in the process of hiring a new teacher

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Ms. Griffiths from South Dade Adult Center, told the committee that they have a day and night program. During the day they have 35 students and for now they only have 3 students. Many of the students are from the community. 9 students took already the certification and 5 passed the test. They are already working in either CVS, Walgreens etc. Ms. Griffith also mentioned that she just became full time teacher due to the growth of her program.

Ms. Algaze has also the program day and night and she has approximately 36 students already at night. Ms. Mims mentioned the advantage that we have in health science where the students can articulate from the secondary program into the post-secondary programs right after they graduate from high school. Ms. Algaze has the only Pharmacy Aide program in high school. Ms. Aguilar Figuly mentioned that the transition is a wonderful idea to benefit that benefits the students.

Mr. Harris from DA Dorsey has 7 students that graduated last semester, all sat for the certification and all passed the test. They are all working in the field. DA Dorsey got a new administration.

PRACTICAL NURSE

Ms. Washington from Robert Morgan said that they have 6 full time teachers during the day, and Ms. Campos is the teacher in the evening. They have a total of 136 students in the Practical Nursing Program. Ms. Mims mentioned that the district purchased the Electronic Medical Records for the Practical Nursing Program, and that they are having a District Wide Practical Nurse training November 5, 2012.

Ms. Blackmon from Lindsey Hopkins said that they have five instructors during the day, in the PN program. They are opening an evening program, starting November 2012.

Ms. Crider from Miami Lakes mentioned that the school has between 180 and 190 students with five full time teachers; they also have a night program. They have articulation with Miami Lakes, Miami Northwestern and William H. Turner Senior High Schools into the Practical Nurse once the students graduate.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Ibia Bustelo, Surgical Technology instructor graduated 10 people and will be taking boards by Friday. Ms. Bustelo mentioned that one of the problems that the students encounter is the lack of the language. She also said that if the program does not have a good passing rate, the program will not be considered successful anymore and might be the possibility of losing the accreditation.

SECONDARY

ALLIED HEALTH

Allied Health is the most popular program in Secondary, since they have three options in the curriculum to teach, making it a variety of programs that could be offered in secondary education.

DENTAL AIDE

Ms. Algaze has 12 students in the junior and in the senior year. The students do their rotation at the University of Florida.

Marcela Shur at Robert Morgan Senior taught the night class last school year, now that she transferred to the Post-Secondary Program, Ms. Martha Feuillet; a new teacher took her place and has full class.

Dental Laboratory we no longer have the class.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH AIDE

Every High School that has a Nursing assistant program has an EKG class. 90% of the students that take the EKG certification through NHA. Ms. Mims mentioned that teachers have the opportunity to become certified in CMAA and EKG in the month of December 1st and December 8, 2012 through a grant from the University of Florida that pays for the teachers' initial certification. Ms. Mims also emphasized the importance that the teachers will have the same certification as the ones that the students' are taking. An e-mail went out to all teachers in order to let them know about this wonderful opportunity.

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. The first year that this test was available the district paid for 500 students at a cost of \$65.00 each, and only 120 students took the test, but only 60 students passed. The following year, we did not have that many candidates, only 120 students were registered, and one teacher passed all 16 students that she registered. First Responder is not a required certification for anybody in the State of Florida.

MEDICAL LABORATORY

We have two programs throughout Miami Dade Public Schools.

NURSING ASSISTANT

Nursing Assistant Programs we have in many high schools, for which they should have at least 50% passing rate in order to keep them operating.

PHARMACY PROGRAM

This is the second year that Ms. Algaze is teaching the pharmacy program at Miami Lakes High School. She has 9 and 10 graders in the program. When they complete the program they sit for the license in which they have been very successful. Approximately 30 students in the class at the moment, and foreseen a wonderful passing rate at the end of the year.

VISION PROGRAM

The industry certification for this program is CMAA and they all take the test with a high percentage of passing rate.

Ms. Mims informed the committee that we tested 690 CMAA with a 93% passing rate. EKG tested 300 or more and the passing rate was 95%. Nursing Assistant 299 students passed their license.

Ms. McCullough, that in order to make the COE accreditation easier for the future, they created forms that were available to the other centers in order to make the accreditation more organized.

A student from DA Dorsey, Medical Coding and Billing Program arrived a little late due to her job responsibilities, and gave a testimony of how successful that program was for her, and because of attending and graduating from that program, she is able to have a job and take care of her family.

Ms. Latonda James mentioned that her organization, which is a community based, have a community expo, and was inviting everybody to participate. The Expo is going to be at Jefferson Reeves Park 3090 NW 50 Street, and is going to be Sunday, December 2nd, 2012. They are also launching a Brownsville website for the community of Brownsville that serves Miami Jackson and Miami Northwestern High Schools.

Ms. Mims mentioned the healthscience website is updated; <http://healthscience.dadeschools.net> and everybody interested in more information about our department and the classes that are available can visit the website in the future.

All members were invited to visit the different healthscience labs available at Robert Morgan Educational Center, and to please fill out the necessary forms that are needed to maintain the COE accreditation.

The next advisory meeting will be during the month of February 2013, and meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.