
Miami Dade County Public Schools
Division of Career & Technical Education
1100 NW 71 Street
Miami, FL 33150

Minutes
HEALTH SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 16, 2010
Community Health of South Florida
10300 SW 216 Street
Miami, FL 33190
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronda Mims, Instructional Supervisor
Health Science Department

Sheria Blackmon, Nursing Assistant Teacher
Miami Carol City Senior High

Armando Hall, Lab Manager
Community Health of South Florida

Maria Garcia-Barcelo, Med. Assist. Teacher
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Joyce Griffiths, Pharmacy Tech. Teacher
South Dade Adult Center

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

Jamika Hicks-Johnson, ARNP
Community Health of South Florida

Aurea Hurtado, Dental Coordinator
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Maria G. Jaimes, Student
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Glorida Mendoza, PN Department Head
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Debra B. Morales, Dental Asst. Teacher
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Marc Mortensen, Pastor
First Baptist Church

Paula Porter, PN Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Marce Shur, Dental Aide Teacher
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Susan Starks, PN Department Head
Homestead Senior High

Mary Ann Worts, BHSA, RN
Director of Education/CHI

Dania Vazquez, Nurse Educator

Magaly Parets, Curriculum Supp. Spec.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mims started the meeting at 8:50 a.m., with a moment of reflection led by Pastor Mostersen. Members introduced themselves, and the Director of Education Ms. Mary Ann Worst, gave all members a warm welcome to their facilities, and mentioned the new rules for infection control, which are very strict in their facility.

Minutes were read and approved as written, with few corrections. Ms. Mims mentioned that it is a requirement for COE that every program is represented at the Advisory Committee meetings by one of the teachers. This way the curriculum can be reviewed and industry partners can provide input.

Ms. Mims mentioned that this school year (2009-2010) was the first year that Miami Dade County Public Schools paid for industry certification, and that the department spent more than \$130,000.00 in registration for all industry certification that we offer at the Senior High School level. In the past, students were reimbursed after they passed the exam. This policy was instituted because paying for the test upfront did not positively guarantee that the students would study or even show up for the exam. Ms. Mims also explained that the FCAT is no longer the only element to be considered for the school grade. Industry certification is also a part of the new grading system and most importantly, it gives the students the opportunity to graduate from high school with a certificate that will allow them to obtain a job and attend college at the same time if they wish.

Ms. Mims mentioned that the NCLEX scores at Robert Morgan went down, but that Lindsey Hopkins and Miami Lakes went up to 100% and thanked the teachers for their effort. Also, was mentioned that they have a very successful articulated program at William H. Turner, Miami Lakes Senior High and Robert Morgan Senior High. The Orientation to Practical Nursing program in Senior High, and once the students graduate they are enrolled into the Post-Secondary Centers mentioned above, and continue the Practical Nursing Program usually graduating by December of the same year. It is very cost effective to the students, and at the same time, helps the Post Secondary Institution with their graduation rate.

Medical Assistant and Dental Assistant also have the articulated program with the Technical Centers. High School students can take the introductory courses that are required for both curriculums, and during the summer of the senior year, after graduating from high school, they enroll in the technical centers and complete the curriculum by the end of the month of July. These programs are located at Miami Senior High, Miami Lakes Senior, Robert Morgan Senior and South Dade Senior High.

New health science programs added this year were Andover Middle, the EMT program at Miami Edison with the collaboration of the City of Miami Fire department and Fortis College, a private college, offering students dual enrollment, and the opportunity to complete the EMT-B upon graduating from High School. They have 8 students that are graduating from the program, and entering the college. Eighteen new students have been identified for this coming school year. We also added three new first responder programs at Hialeah Gardens, Miami Carol City and Michael Krop Senior.

The post-secondary, English Center is planning to open a new nursing assisting program and is applying for the Board of Nursing approval. Hialeah Miami Lakes is also applying for a new nursing assisting program at the high school level.

Upgraded middle school lab was Parkway Middle, at a cost of approximately \$37,000.00.

Changes to programs:

- Nursing Assistant new competency related to Medical Errors.

- Practical Nursing was changing the sequence of the competencies.

- Dental Assistant curriculum had changes pertaining to sterilization.

- Health Science Core went up to 16 competencies this coming school year 2010-2011.

PRESENTATION FROM TEACHERS:

Allied Health Assistant/Medical Assistant: Annette Torres mentioned that her program follows Robert Morgan's standards, and they incorporated Medisoft for the billing. One of South Dade Medical Assistant student participated in the HOSA National Competitions, in Orlando, Florida, and made it 2nd in the nation, and that the same student passed the EKG technician test.

Certified Nursing Assistant: Ms. Starks mentioned that 21 students took the test, and 13 passed both part of the test. The students that did not pass they are interested in re-taking the test. Ms. Vasquez, mentioned that the critical thinking is what is taking the nursing assistant's out in the job market. Critical Thinking is what employers are looking for the most she also mentioned. Ms. Blackmon mentioned that 17 students from her school took the test, and 8 passed both parts, and she was teaching the critical component, but that in many cases it has to do with the instructor, but at the same time the students that did not passed the CNA test, had a low score in the FCAT.

First Responder: The test was a little inconvenient for the students, since the company that administers the test had very little availability to accommodate our students, and the test is only given on the computer.

Health Unit Coordinator: They have a national exam and the exam is \$175.00 each. The

program is offered at G. Holmes Braddock, John Ferguson, and North Miami Senior.

Home Health Aide: This curriculum is part of the nursing assistant and they have a certification.

Medical Assistant Post Secondary: Robert Morgan mentioned the amount of students that they have, a total of 70 including 44 from secondary, between Miami Senior, Robert Morgan Senior High and South Dade Senior. Having students passed the TABE test was always a challenge, until they change and they are allowing students to remediate during classroom hours. They are trying to enforce that the students after they go to the externship they come back and review for the CMA exam.

Miami Lakes mentioned that they had 7 students that passed the RMA test, and that they already went to Miami Dade College and registered into the Registered Nurse program. They got 17 students from the Secondary program this summer.

Medical Coder and Billing: They offer the program at Lindsey Hopkins and DA Dorsey.

Medical Lab Assistant: It is a high school program. We have these programs offered at Miami Springs and at William H. Turner. William H. Turner students competed in these category at the HOSA National Conference this summer, and obtained 7th place in the nation.

Pharmacy Technician: They had meetings with the Department of Education in May 2010 in order to revise the curriculum. The program must be registered with the PCTB in order for the students to be able to get employed in the field. The DOE wanted to add more hours to the pharmacy, but in reality what they did was to reduced OCP's from 4 to 3.

Mr. Hall mentioned that he has already 2 students in phlebotomy training at CHI, from Robert Morgan, and that the important element is that they can communicate well in English, and get a phlebotomy license from a National Association.

Practical Nursing: Changes in Curriculum took place, only by arranging the OCP's. The most difficult part, mentioned by Ms. Starks from Homestead Senior High is the clinical rotations.

Vision: Mr. David Thomas mentioned that they paired with four optometrists and that the students were hired. They do the vision screening for the entire school. He also mentioned that the students and the school were in the Neighbors for their efforts of donating glasses to Haiti and helped with a bus full of things and donations to Haiti. The paramedics at Felix Varela painted the bus and send it to Haiti.

Ms. Vasquez, whose daughter graduated from Felix Varela Senior High Health Science Program, said thank you for the support and the good job that Health Science Department provides to the students of Miami Dade County Public Schools.

Next meeting will be during the month of November 2010, at Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.