

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

April 25, 2013 - Minutes

The Health Science Education Advisory Committee held its meeting at Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center, Staff Dining Room.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

PRESENT: Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Chair
Latonda James
Debbie Wilcox

STUDENTS: Alida Sanchez
Jimmy Galvis

Irma Als
Sheria Blackmon
Maria Berrones
Ibia Bustelo
Latoyia Cuvington
Tammy Diaz
Faica Francois
Frances Guizar
Elizabeth Hernandez
Yudelkis Huete
Aurea Hurtado
Hilda Iglesias
Odette Lightbourne
Diane McCullough
Ronda Mims
Pauline Morris
Chinwe Ofoleta
Magaly Parets
Mabel A. Perez
Hazel Pitts-Johnakin
Jorge Vidal
Brenda Washington

TOPIC
Opening of Meeting

DISPOSITION
The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Ms. Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Chairperson of the Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting.

Introductions

Ms. Hilda Iglesias, Assistant Principal from Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center, welcomed everybody present at the meeting on behalf of the principal. She also invited the group to

Approval of Minutes

please have lunch which was prepared by the culinary class from the center.

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

New Business

Ms. Mims started the meeting introducing the high school classes. She informed the committee about the industry certifications and the advantage of high school students obtaining the CMAA, CNA, EKG and EMR certification which helps them obtain a job after high school. These industry certifications are also part of the school grade which helps the schools improve their grades every year. Ms. Mims also informed the committee that beginning the school year 2013-2014, industry certification will also be part of Post-Secondary education. FTE and OCP are going to be inclusive with industry certification. She also recommends that Post-Secondary Centers should start planning to get students prepared for the industry certifications, and not to wait until the last minute.

Ms. Mims informed that the Board of Nursing is monitoring the Nursing Assistant programs, when they don't have a good passing rate. Some of the secondary programs are in probation for a total of 12 secondary programs and 2 post-secondary programs. The passing percentage is made by Prometric, which is the agency that facilitates the test. Ms. Figuly mentioned that not passing the board test also happens at Miami Dade College and that sometimes it takes at least three times for the students to pass the board.

Mr. Vidal from the English Center mentioned that they try to enforce that the students that are enrolled in the Patient Care Assistant class, take the Nursing Assistant test right after they take the nursing assistant part in order to get better passing board scores.

It was also mentioned that in the high school the nursing assistant test, is taken immediately after they take the class, and since the district pays for the test, that helps a lot. In Post-Secondary district does not pay for the test,

therefore they have to wait until they have the money to pay for it.

Ms. Mims mentioned that schools that are COE accredited should always have a representative at the meetings, in order to give a report about their programs. Also, it was mentioned by Ms. Guizar, that each center can also invite members of the advisory committee to visit and evaluate their labs at other times that will be convenient for them, since the day of the advisory meeting they might not have enough time to visit the labs at all centers.

Ms. Mims also announced a Professional Development that was offered during the month of April in Differentiated Instruction from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. two days a week for two weeks. We are encouraging teachers to register in order to help them improve their lessons by implementing the differentiated strategies. Starting the school year 2013-2014, Common Core is going to be implemented and training is going to be offered.

Post – Secondary Programs

Dental Assistant

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center had the teacher present, and some students that mentioned the importance of attending Dental Assistant before becoming a Dental Hygienist. They had 13 students to graduate and 50% of the class got placed. Their program is during the day, and they are recruiting students for the next trimester.

Miami Lakes, Ms. Loretta Evans brought the information on behalf of Glenda Algaze, who could not make it to the meeting. Miami Lakes also has a Dental Assistant Program during the night. At night they have 12 students. They are having 11 students during the summer that are transitioning from High School to Post-Secondary in order to be able to complete the Dental Assistant at the end of the school year.

Robert Morgan, Aurea Hurtado, reported that they only have a day program, because they only had students interested for the day time hours. Ms. Hurtado also mentioned that they

could not have many doctors to volunteer their time during the evening session. They are also teaching three forms of radiology in the Dental Assistant Program. They had 100% of placement last trimester.

EKG Technician

DA Dorsey, they had some problems with the equipment which is being repaired and they are waiting for the equipment in order to continue with the program.

Miami Lakes they have EKG technician as part of their Patient Care Technician Program and they have between 7 and 8 students during this trimester.

Robert Morgan they also have EKG technician as part of their Patient Care Technician Program. They do in house practice among their students, and some students took the NHA certification and are waiting for the results.

Medical Assistant

Miami Lakes had a COE visit, and the Medical Assistant Program was moved from the main center to Parkway Middle School, with COE's approval. They have two Medical Assistant teachers during the day, with a total of 35 students. They are looking to make the Parkway Middle a Health Science/Medical Building and move all the Health Science programs that are housed at the moment at Miami Lakes Educational Center to Parkway Middle where they will have more space for the entire program. They are trying to get COE's approval for a second location. They are also enrolling students from Secondary to Post-Secondary in order to complete their program during the summer.

Robert Morgan, Elizabeth Hernandez reported that they have 19 students presently enrolled in the program. Ms. Hernandez informed the committee that she is expecting 50 students coming from Secondary from Miami Senior, Robert Morgan and South Dade Senior High

School to complete the program during the summer. Ms. Hernandez also informed the committee that they just became Pearson View facility which will be available for any student that wants to take the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) certification.

South Dade Educational Center. Ms. Berrones reported that they have 47 students during the day and 12 at night in the Medical Assistant Program. Ms. Berrones mentioned that she has one student that already took the RMA and passed the test. They are trying to incorporate the industry certification to the tuition in order to make the students take the certification right after they complete the program.

Medical Coding and Billing

DA Dorsey Educational Center. Ms. Irma Als has 8 students enrolled in the class, and that she had some students from the previous class that completed the program and they became National certified and the cost of the test is \$400.00. She also explained that they cannot work anymore unless they are national certified.

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center. Ms. Blackmon reported that they graduated 13 students, but that currently they don't have any open class at this time.

The English Center also reported that they have 25 students enrolled in the class, and many of them are already working in the field, but they need to complete the program in order to fulfill the requirement for their job.

Nursing Assistant

DA Dorsey Educational Center has a new class that just started with a new teacher. The previous teacher left to another state, and they are trying to build the class with more students at the time. Many of their students are from Job Corps.

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center they have 10 students that took the CNA test and 7

passed the first time both the skills and the written test. They also incorporate the cost of the test into the class tuition in order to make the students take the test right after they complete the program.

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 has 4 nursing assistant students. They are having problems with the students taking the board examination and the cost, and they are considering to also incorporating the test cost into their tuition in order to avoid delays in taking the Board exam.

Patient Care Assistant/Technician
DA Dorsey Educational Center has 5 students in PCT who just graduated, and they are presently registering for the new semester that just started.

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center has 13 students that just graduated and they are starting a new class with approximately 15 students.

South Dade Educational Center/Job Corps, has 20 students with an 87% passing rate in the Patient Care Technician/Nursing Assistant part.

Pharmacy Technician
DA Dorsey Educational Center has 5 students that will be taking the test in June. They also started the internship at Walgreens. They are trying to get a contact with Palmetto General. Ms. Als mentioned that Walgreens is looking for a lot more Pharmacy Technicians in order to reduce the 5 ratio between pharmacy and patients.

Miami Lakes Educational Center also have a program day and night, and they have also an

agreement with Walgreens. They have 15 students at night.

South Dade Educational Center has a partnership with Walgreens and President Pharmacy. They currently have 30 students enrolled in the class.

Phlebotomy

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center has a phlebotomy class that presently has 13 students registered. They are starting a new class with another 15 students this coming trimester.

Miami Lakes Educational Center started a new class together with the EKG technician.

Practical Nursing

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center has four classes during the day and one in the evening. They graduated a class of 26 students in January and another one in the month of March with another 26 students. They will be having 25 students transitioning from Miami Northwestern and William H. Turner from their orientation to nursing program into the Practical Nursing program. Lindsey Hopkins passing rate was 87.5%. They had students present to give the testimony of the good program that they have at Lindsey Hopkins.

Miami Lakes passing rate was 85%, with 3 classes during the day and 3 during the night. Ms. Hazel Pitts mentioned that she is contact with her students to encourage them to take the test, but they have problems to come up with the money since some of them don't have a job. They also have students transitioning from the orientation to nursing program into the Practical Nursing program from their own school, and they have close to 45 students that will attend the summer classes.

Robert Morgan Educational Center has 5 day classes and 1 night class and last year they graduated 183 students with a 92% passing

rate. Ms. Washington and Ms. Guizar went to a Career Pathways at Miami Dade College in order to recruit students. They also have students transitioning from the orientation to nursing program into the Practical Nursing program from their own school that will complete the program during the summer.

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly mentioned that in nursing we are using more and more simulation in order to get the clinical experience that we cannot get in hospitals and nursing home due to the lack of facilities that will be able to provide space for our students.

Surgical Technician

Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center has a class of 11 students that completed the class this semester and 9 of them already passed their certification. They have another group that will be graduating in June 2013.

Secondary Education

Robert Morgan represented by Ms. Tammy Diaz, reported that they have Allied Health/Physical Therapy and Medical Assistant and that the students that took the CMAA industry certification with 100% passing rate. Dental Aide students took the same industry certification exam. In the nursing assistant program they had 33 students taking the CNA test and 100% passed the test.

An announcement was made by Ms. James, that the Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, was having a community event to promote the housing program Saturday, March 27, 2013 at Harley Park from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. and was inviting teachers to announce the activity to the students who can benefit for some of the programs offered at this activity.

At this time, we asked all the members present to please fill out the survey.

We also asked the committee members to

please fill out the employer verification form and also to visit our labs and fill out the evaluation of CTE Program.

Next Meeting

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly announced that our next meeting will be in the Fall 2013 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 2:30 p.m.