
Miami Dade County Public Schools

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

Minutes of

Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting

Robert Morgan
Nursing Department
Friday, November 18, 2011
1:30 – 3:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronda Mims, Instructional Supervisor
Health Science Department

Gloria Mendoza, PN Department Head
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-Barcelo, Med. Asst. Teacher
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Marc Mortensen, Pastor
First Baptist Church

Sheria Blackmon, Nursing Assist. Instructor
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, Nursing Assistant Instructor
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. Teacher
South Dade Senior

Dorothy Albury, Instructor
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Robert Campos, EMT
City of Miami Fire Department

Jose Marti, EMT
City of Miami Fire Department

Charles Stringer, Jr, Physician Assistant
VA Hospital

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Mims started the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a prayer and welcoming every member to the Advisory Committee Meeting. Ms. Mims also asked that all members read the minutes for May 20, 2011. Minutes were read and approved with no corrections.

Ms. Mims informed the group that she had arranged a Professional Development for Post-secondary teachers to gain industry certification as Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) and Electrocardiograph Aides (EKG) with the National Healthcareer Association. This was possible through a grant from the University of Central Florida, in Orlando; Carl D. Perkins program. She also stated that we are going to have the same certifications that we are training are students to get. The State of Florida is also attaching weights to the difficulty associated with each exam and that if that is what's going on now the OCP value may also come into question. She also commented that high school teachers must also have the same certification unless they teach a lesser program area. Example a registered nurse teaching nursing assisting.

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

POST-SECONDARY

D.A. Dorsey and South Dade Adult Center was just accredited by the COE, which will allow them to receive federal funds. Everybody congratulated them, since it is a long process and a lot of work in order to achieve that accreditation.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

It was approved and passed that the articulation between High School and Post-Secondary Program between Dental Aide to Dental Assistant. It was also mentioned that the high school students must receive an Occupational Completion Point before they complete the Dental Aide Program.

Ms. Algaze informed the committee that Miami Lakes Educational Center Post-Secondary has opened a Dental Assisting Program at night and it is very successful.

Ms. Hurtado also reported that Robert Morgan Educational Center Post-Secondary also opened a Dental Assisting Program and at night, and that Ms. Manuela Barreto, RDH, a former student is volunteering at the RMEC clinic.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Ms. Hernandez, from RMEC, spoke about the Medical Assisting program, mentioning that they have more completers now, thanks to the assistance of the high school teachers in the summer assisting in the lab. Ms. Hernandez also mentioned that she had more students this summer from secondary education, from Robert Morgan and South Dade Senior which completed the program during the summer

Ms. Judith Kline from MLEC, mentioned that they had 15 to 20 students transitioning from secondary this summer. MLEC had 6 students that took the Registered Medical Assistant Exam and all 6 passed the test.

Ms. Berrones, from South Dade Senior had 16 students take the CMAA exam and 100% passed the test. It was also mentioned that South Dade Senior has 100% placement after they complete their program.

MEDICAL CODER AND BILLER

Ms. Mims mentioned that we have the program at D.A. Dorsey, William Turner, Lindsey and The English Center. It is difficult to find certifiable individuals to teach this course.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN

Ms. Simpson-Gonzalez, from DA Dorsey, mentioned that it is hard for them to find clinical sites, and that they have been telling the students to do some volunteer work to at least be expose to the hospital environment. Ms. Mims reminded them that the Florida Department of Educations (FL DOE) requires a clinical rotation of a specific number of hours. All programs must abide by the curriculum frameworks.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Mr. Eric Harris, pharmacy technician instructor at **D.A. Dorsey**, mentioned since they were just accredited by COE, they will be able to get financial aid for the students. He also mentioned that he puts the background check requirement in his class syllabus, that way the students know from the beginning that they should have their background check done before they complete the program in order to be able to test. The district requested a Medication Cart and a Smart Board for Mr. Harris class in order to improve the technology in the pharmacy program.

Ms. Joyce Griffiths also spoke about her pharmacy technician program at South Dade Adult, she mentioned that the students that she has now are more serious, and very successful in their academics. Since Walgreens is requesting background check, she is also requesting that they ask the students to have the background check before they enter in the program.

At Miami Lakes, the instructor, Ms. Glenda Algaze mentioned that they also have the program and it is open-exit, and they have good enrollment, and a few students from Secondary attending the program.

PRACTICAL NURSE

As mentioned in the May 2011 meeting, the Nursing Board Scores were improved in all three centers. The students enrolled from the orientation to Practical Nurse from Secondary to Post-Secondary are doing very well. This year Miami Lakes enrolled 26 students from Miami Northwestern Senior, Miami Lakes Senior and William H. Turner Senior. It was mentioned that the department chair from Lakes is still out on Medical Leave. Well wishes were made for her recovery by all.

SURGICAL TECHNICIAN

Ms. Ibia Bustelo, instructor, mentioned that her program is a success and have a lot of students interested in the program. She is still trying to get her certification as Surgical Technician. She is a registered nurse, however the accrediting body changed the teaching certification standards a few years ago. Ms. Bustelo is returning to us from industry.

SECONDARY

ALLIED HEALTH

Ms. Mims explained that Allied Health always had industry certification. Many schools are getting ready to send the intent form with the list of students that will be taking the industry certification in 2012. For Allied Health there are two tests that they could take which are Certified Medical Administrative Assistant and Electrocardiograph Aide. The district will be paying for all the industry certification tests.

At Miami Senior we have the Allied Health, which covers the competencies for Medical Assistant, and the student's transition during the summer to the post-secondary program at Robert Morgan. Ms. Natasha Gousse Turner is the instructor.

At Miami Lakes we also have the Allied Health which covers the competencies for Medical Assistant, and the student's transition during the summer to the post-secondary program at Miami Lakes having a very successful passing rate on the CMAA and EKG test.

Robert Morgan also has the Allied Health program.

DENTAL AIDE

Ms Algaze mentioned that she has a few students already that enrolled in the Dental Assistant Program at night that were in the Secondary class. All the students in the Dental Aide from Miami Lakes took the CMAA test, and all passed.

Ms. Shur from Robert Morgan mentioned that her program has good enrollment, and that this year she has seniors which will be able to continue during the summer in order to complete the Dental Assistant Program.

Ms. Wilder from William Turner mentioned that the Dental Lab program was closed due to lack of enrollment and that Mr. Silla was sent to a Middle School.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH AIDE

Miami Carol City has a number of students enrolled in EKG that will be getting ready to take the EKG exam. They should take it before the end of the semester. Those same students will be eligible to take the CMAA exam at the end of the school year. Ms. Mims reminded the group to get the semester students tested at the end of their course while the information is still fresh in their brains. She also reminded the group about the 50% passing requirement for CAPE Academy participants.

FIRST RESPONDER

Michelle Doleyres from John Ferguson Senior and Lolita Lee from Miami Southridge Senior both took the First Responder test and passed, also it was mentioned that is a difficult test. Mr. Espinosa also took the test and passed.

North Miami Senior also has the First Responder test, and they did not do well; a very low percentage of students passing it.

William H. Turner also with the First Responder test did not attempt the test last school year, promising that they will attempt to take the test this school year.

MEDICAL LABORATORY

We have two programs in Miami Dade County Public Schools, one at Miami Springs Senior and one at William H. Turner Technical Center. Ms. Mella from Turner Technician has over 50 students in the program and they all took the CMAA test and only one did not pass. Ms. Mella also mentioned that she has several students working as phlebotomist already.

NURSING ASSISTANT

Nursing Assistant Programs is a very successful program at a Secondary level since many schools have a good board passing rate. Some of the changes that happened for this year were mentioned. Changes were in how to report the completers in the class directly from the schools to the Board of Nursing in order for the board to have the list of students before they register for the test. Ms. Mims reminded everyone that the BON is looking at the passing rate of all CNA programs and expects them to be within 10% of the state average.

PRACTICAL NUSING

Ms. Stark reported that they had a good passing rate last school year, since they are the only secondary program that has a complete Practical Nursing Program in Miami Dade County. The school just hired two new teachers that will make a total of four teachers in the PN program.

Miami Lakes, Miami Northwestern, Robert Morgan William H. Turner, all Senior High school programs they have Orientation to Practical Nursing. These students enter into the Practical Nurse program right after graduation from high school and are able to complete the PN program in one semester after high school graduation.

VISION PROGRAM

Felix Varela and Martha Valdes from Felix Varela and William H. Turner Senior High, got together during the summer to revised the vision curriculum with Tracy Yacobellis, former State Health Science Supervisor. Mr. Thomas mentioned that with the cooperation of all his students, they were able to fill a bus during last school year to provide medical, vision and other needed supplies to Haiti in order to help them.

They both prepared their students to take the CMAA test, and both schools had a good passing rate.

Next meeting was suggested to have it earlier during the year, perhaps in March 2012, which was accepted from all members, and we will be announcing the specific date at a later time.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.