

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**DIVISION OF CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
 10151 North West 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Miami, Florida 33147  
**HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 25, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**The Health Science Education Advisory Committee Meeting was held at  
 Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>SCHOOL PERSONNEL</b>
	Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Chair	Brenda Washington-Hoa
	Dr. Linda Fagan	Brenda Wilder
	Brenda Trijo	Lucelle DeVarona
	Ivette Padro	Elizabeth Hernandez
	Monica Mizell, RN	Frances S. Gilbert
	Leticia Hernandez	Irma E. Als
	Hamlisett Mirre	Marcelina Shur
	Alexander Banaaz	Michelle Doleyres
	Adriana Infante	Sheria Blackmon
		Tonya Cornels
	<b>Graduates:</b>	Houda Elaadil
	Sharnay Hall – Billing and Coding	Latoya Covington
	Rodrigo Garcia – Dental Assisting	Carmen Saez
		Aurea Hurtado
	<b>Students:</b>	Maria Berrones
	Teedra Clark – Medical Assisting	Dr. Ericka Caldwell-Clinch
	Shelby Lafortune – Dental Assisting	
	Francescoly Ayala – Medical Assisting	
	Daniel Morales – Practical Nursing	
	Tamar Bailey – Practical Nursing	
	Michelle Perez – Practical Nursing	
	Christopher Soto – Practical Nursing	
	Ana Nogueira – Practical Nursing	

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>
Opening of Meeting	The meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m. by Ms. Violeta Aguilar-Figuly, Chairperson of the Health Science Advisory Committee Meeting.  Dr. Ericka Caldwell-Clinch, Assistant Principal for Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College welcomed all present to the meeting.
Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting	Ms. Violeta-Aguilar-Figuly asked members to review the minutes. Minutes were approved with minor corrections. 1 <sup>st</sup> by Sheria Blackmon and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Washington-Hoa.

## Introduction of Members

Mrs. Wilder, Instructional Supervisor for Health Occupations introduced herself, and all members introduced themselves. Mrs. Wilder commented positively on the presence of male students in the Practical Nursing Program and informed the group there would be a deviation from the published agenda with regard to class visitations.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Wilder reported since the last advisory meeting Lindsey Hopkins Technical College has been removed from probationary status with the Florida Board of Nursing. The plan of action implemented by Mrs. Blackmon and her staff has been successful and the latest scores show an increase in the NCLEX score to be 87.1%. The use of the ATI review, remediation and EOC testing made a big difference.

Ms. Violeta-Aguilar-Figuly stated Miami-Dade College faces the same challenges. Remediation is the key to helping the students be successful. Many student learning issues are not identified when they first enter the program, but in time teachers meet their individual learning needs.

## New Business

### Organizing the Board

Mrs. Wilder spoke about the purpose of the Advisory Board for Health Science Education and how important it is to have community people serve as board members. That it is a partnership. It should be consistent and sustainable. We need industry to tell us how we could be better, let us know what equipment is new and being used in different facilities. We need input as to whether our students are prepared and if not what are we lacking. We need to prepare students for what industry will need in the future. Mrs. Wilder would like to have the same individuals on the committee for at least two years, including the same student representation.

Mrs. Wilder and Ms. Violeta-Aguilar-Figuly will meet and attempt to set dates far in advance to give members adequate notice to set their calendars. The next meeting will be on the north end of the county and it is the hope that members of that area will join the committee. Meetings are scheduled two times per year and it is imperative we have input from those facilities/offices that hire our students and serve the community.

## **Post-Secondary Program Overview**

### Dental Program

### **Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College**

- Mrs. Hurtado introduced Rodrigo Garcia – a success story for the program. Mr. Garcia was a Robert Morgan Educational Center High School student who articulated into the Post-secondary program and now

has been accepted into Dental School.

- RMEC & TC passed the CODA accreditation with recommendation that High School Students complete more hours on the Post-Secondary side. Mrs. Hurtado stated that she is working to have High School 12<sup>th</sup> graders become dually enrolled to complete the required 900 hours.
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> there were 15 graduating students and current enrollment is 14.
- The Dental Program is proud to have 2 students first place at statewide competition and 1 student second place. Students will be going to Nationals in Tennessee. Mrs. Shur is in charge of HOSA and there is great support from the Doctors.

#### **Lindsey Hopkins Technical College**

- Lindsey Hopkins had 7 students take industry certifications, 5 passed. One student missed one section.
- 17 students currently enrolled
- 7 students graduated August 4<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the next graduation.
- 11 Students took the expanded function test and all passed.
- 6 of the graduates are now working and one is in college in Colorado.

EKG/HHA

No report – Programs included within PCA/PCT Curriculum.

Hemodialysis

**Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College** – no students currently enrolled. Hoping to open a class in August.

Medical Assisting

**Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College**

- Mrs. Hernandez reports there are 10 students currently enrolled.
- 2 recent graduates – 1 hired this week
- There will be 10 students articulating from the High School in the summer.
- 3 students from the previous summer group hired.
- 2 students took Certification test – 1 passed
- Mrs. Hernandez explained the handout – Job Placement/Exam pass rate.
- Mrs. Hernandez is working on CAAHEP self-study – the Program is scheduled for reaccreditation in October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of 2016. Ms. Berrones and Mrs. Gilbert are helping. She stated she will be reaching out to the community for support.

#### **South Dade Technical College**

- 11 students currently enrolled
- Since August 4 students have completed the

program and 1 passed Industry Certification

- 18 students will articulate from South Dade High School in June.

#### **Miami-Lakes Educational Center and Technical College (Parkway Campus)**

- 25 students currently enrolled
- 16 students graduated in April
- 7 students took industry certification test and all 7 passed and are working
- 10 students will graduate in July
- 50 students will articulate in the Summer
  - 17 from Miami Lakes High School
  - 15-17 from Hialeah Gardens Senior High
  - 15 from Miami Senior High

Dr. Fagan spoke highly of the students from Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College. She has found them trustworthy, knowledgeable and well prepared. If she needs to add staff she calls Ms. Berrones without hesitation. She has two employees Myra for 15 years and Louisa for 4 years.

#### Medical Billing and Coder

#### **D. A. Dorsey Technical College**

- 1 Student graduated December 2015
- Students have 1 year to test
- Ms. Sharnay Hall graduated 4/21 and passed the test before graduation, she is currently employed by Mt. Sinai
- 10 current students
- 100% pass rate
- When a student is hired \$18-\$20 without experience if offered if they are credentialed. After employment they can make more money and have the flexibility of working from home.
- Mrs. Wilder stated the District would like to have an online program open on the South end of the County. The initiative of the District is technology; the problem is finding qualified instructors.
- Dr. Fagan stated the importance of Medical Billing and Coding – it is the basis of billing. The jobs are invaluable to a practice.
- Ms. Als said the ICD10 is more anatomy specific than the ICD 9. There is a new curriculum framework.
- Ms. Als also teaches a refresher course and works at home in the evenings.

#### Nursing Assistant/ PCT

#### **Miami-Lakes Educational Center and Technical College (Parkway Campus)**

- 3 students will graduate in July.
- 14 new students started in August and 1 student is being tutored.

#### **Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College**

- No N.A. students – this is part of the PCT program

there are currently no students. 1 former student took the CNA test and did not pass.

**D. A. Dorsey Technical College**

- 21 students currently enrolled
- In 2016 5 students tested and 5 passed.

**Lindsey Hopkins Technical College – PCA Program**

- 10 students currently enrolled
- 8 students graduated April 8<sup>th</sup> – 8 tested and 4 passed.
- Mrs. Wilder explained the Florida Board of Nursing's rule as it pertains to the CNA testing and passing scores.
- If a program closes due to low passing scores, the Department Head can reapply.

Pharmacy Technician

**D. A. Dorsey Technical College**

- 8 student currently enrolled
- 4 graduated – licensed and registered
- 1 student working at Walgreens and the other at ASP Care Pharmacy
- If a student is licensed they receive a higher starting salary.
- Discussion: Current affiliating agreement will expire in October and in Vocational Tracking – under Core the Student Performance Standards still reflect 16 not the current 11. Mrs. Wilder will check on this.
- Walgreens is requiring ASHP mandatory in 2017 – will create problems for student clinical rotations.

**South Dade Technical College**

- Enrollment is down 9 currently enrolled students
- 1 recent graduate, 1 took industry certification and did not pass
- 2 students will be testing in July
- Barry University is offering the Pharmacy Tech program 60 hours over 12 weeks.

**Miami-Lakes Educational Center and Technical College (Parkway Campus)**

- 12 students currently enrolled
- Expecting 25 articulated students in the summer

Phlebotomy

**South Dade Technical College**

- 4 students currently enrolled
- 12 graduated since August
- 1 student tested and passed
- The number of sticks differs between certification providers 20 vs. 50. Creating a problem for students attempting to register. The NHA require 30 and the AMT requires 50. Students do not get hired without the certification.
- Students can do clinical rotations at Jackson.
- Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College

**Miami-Lakes Educational Center and Technical College (Parkway Campus)**

- Opening class June 13.

## Practical Nursing

Mrs. Wilder explained the proposed structure for the 2017-2018 school year and the history of the changes with brief synopsis of meetings, she and Ms. Gilbert attended. Mrs. Devarona asked if there were changes in the number of hours for Anatomy – the hours for each individual course will be set by the school district. At the state level – block hours will be given for PRN levels.

### **Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College**

- 52 student currently enrolled
- 12 students expected to articulate from High School
- Mrs. Dacks graduated 12 students

### **Miami-Lakes Educational Center and Technical College (Parkway Campus)**

- 65% passing rate this quarter –will appear before the Board of Nursing with action plan for improvement.
- 45 students currently enrolled
- 17 students in last graduating class
- 27 expected to articulate from High School

### **Lindsey Hopkins Technical College**

- Mrs. Blackmon reported 85% passing rate for the first quarter.
- Currently 71 students enrolled
- 18 students expected to articulate from High School – Turner and Miami Lakes

Ms. Aguilar-Figuly will check numbers for enrollment of PN to RN articulation.

Mrs. Wilder stated the Health Science Practical Nursing Program is looking for part time instructors especially for clinical assignments – 25 hours per week. Currently need 3 positions filled. The instructors need to be an RN with a minimum of Bachelor's Degree completed with 2 years' experience. Interested persons can contact Mrs. Wilder at [BWilder@dadeschools.net](mailto:BWilder@dadeschools.net)

## Surgical Technician

### **Lindsey Hopkins Technical College**

- 11 students graduated 12/2015 -5 passed CST certification test, 4 working and 1 enrolled in school
- May 19<sup>th</sup> another class will start
- June 6<sup>th</sup> new class starts with 20 students
- Need Surgical Tech Instructor for the night program must be certified.

### **Vitas - Adriana Infante**

- Explained the services provided by Vitas. End of life Care

- She is the clinical Manager of Continuous Care
- There are 105 patients currently that need to be staffed.
- There is a program for new graduates and is desperate for LPN. There are 400 in her section
- Partnership with Lindsey Hopkins Technical College
- Mrs. Doleyres from Miami Lakes is a former Vitas Nurse.
- With Vitas there is a good future with room to grow, PD is offered.

**Alexander Banaaz with Fresenius Kidney Care**

- The company has 2400 patients in 14 clinics.
- Caters to the working person
- Struggling with technicians – there has been a history of poor training
- Company has a clinical ladder, accepting interns
- Good future

**Monica Mizell with Community Health of South Dade (CHI)**

- CHI has hired many former Robert Morgan Educational Center Graduates.
- She looks for RMEC PN and MA graduates when hiring – nothing but positive comments regarding RMEC hires
- Working under Children’s Trust Grant
- Staffing patterns change
- Enjoys partnering with Robert Morgan

Questions/Answers/Comments

**Robert Morgan PN Students:**

- Stated thoughts re clinical lab outdated with Manikins needing to be replaced. Wish list and explanations on how supplies are ordered and obtained (Wish List) all agreed that equipment and supplies meet the needs of the students.
- Michelle Perez – stated her family owns Gaumard which is the manufacturer of the birthing Simulator at the three Technical Colleges with the PN Program. She stated her family will assist whenever needed.

Adjournment and next meeting date

- Mrs. Wilder stated the meeting went longer than expected and encouraged all present to return to the labs for evaluations.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM. Date and place of next meeting will be set and emailed.