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

Minutes
HEALTH SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 30, 2010
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center
750 NW 20th street
Miami, FL

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Piehl, Chair
Director of Nursing Education
Mercy Hospital

Glorida Mendoza, PN Department Head
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Angela Alder, Assistant Director
Jackson Hospital

Helen Moss, Teacher
North Miami Beach Senior

Beverlin Allen, DON
Sister Emmanuel Hospital

Paula Porter, PN Department Head
Robert Morgan Educational Center

Marie Avignon-Chery, Teacher
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Carmen Acevedo, Student
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Maria Garcia-Barcelo, Teacher
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Oafheney Camille, Student
Lindsey Hopkins Educational Center

Ibia Bustelo
Jackson Health System
Preoperative Clinical Educator

Esther Gil, Student
Miami Lakes Educational Center

Michelle Doleyres, Teacher
John A. Ferguson Senior High

Magaly Parets, Curriculum Support Specialist
Miami Dade County Public Schools

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

Denise Simpson-Gonzalez, Teacher
D.A. Dorsey Adult Center

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Deborah Piehl started the meeting at 9:15 a.m. with a moment of reflection and then she proceeded to introduced all members present. Ms. Parets, informed the members that Ms. Ronda Mims was unable to attend due to a death in her family out of town.

Minutes were read and approved as written.

Ms. Piehl mentioned that Ms. Beverlin Allen, Chief Nursing Officer of Sister Emmanuel Hospital was the recipient of a South Florida Nursing Award.

Ms. Helen Moss, Nursing Assistant teacher from North Miami Beach Senior High, reported that out of seventeen students that took the Nursing Assistant test, ten passed part, the written and the practical during the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Moss also mentioned that she teaches EKG and Home Health Aide, as part of her Career & Technical Program at her school.

Michelle Doleyres, from John Ferguson Senior High, she mentioned that she has seventy-five students, and a requirement that they have is to be enrolled in EKG before they take First Responder. Ms. Allen mentioned that there is a lot of demand for First Responder, and encourage the teachers to talk to the students about these opportunities. Ms. Doleyres also asked if Jackson hospital will be willing to accept student to do field trips, and the answer was yes, and to please send the information to Betty.valdes@ihsmiami.org.

In reference to Health Unit Coordinator, Ms. Doleyres also mentioned that she only has ten students in the program.

Medical Assistant represented by Ms. Elizabeth Hernandez, Program Director from Robert Morgan Educational Center, mentioned that she has at the present time, twenty-six students that will complete their clinical rotations this week. It was also mentioned that they are having many more completers at these time, than in the past, that the only problem that her program encounters is the lack of interest from the students in taking the Certified Medical Assistant test, at the end of the program in order to be accredited as CMA; she thinks that the problem is that they can be hired in any doctors' office without the credential, and still get the same salary.

Maria V. Garcia-Barcelo, also from the Medical Assistant Program from Miami Lakes Educational Center mentioned that some of her students are interested in taking the RMA, but

the difficulty is to get the students to have the money available to pay for the test, since it is not a requirement to work as a Medical Assistant. Miami Lakes at the time has thirty-four students enrolled, and ten attending clinical, and they have a clinical instructor that goes out with them. Ms. Garcia-Barcelo mentioned that seven of her students finally took the RMA test, three are working in the field, and four are going to Miami Dade College to enter into the nursing program.

Ms Mendoza, Department Head from Lindsey Hopkins, mentioned that their Medical Billing and Coding has a wonderful teacher, and their program runs from Monday through Thursday. They have a total of 27 students, and that the program is for 1000 hours. We also have this program at D.A. Dorsey Adult Center and at the English Center, also with a lot of students enrolled.

Patient Care Technician is a very successful program, at D.A. Dorsey, represented by the teacher Ms. Denise Simpson-Gonzalez, mentioned that she is having students hired at Miami Children's Hospital. At the present time she has sixteen students enrolled in the program.

Pharmacy Technician program, also at D.A. Dorsey Adult Center, was represented by Mr. Eric Harris, and mentioned that his program has been approved by ASHP, and at the present time they have twenty-two students attending, and that the students get hired immediately after they graduate, since the program has a great demand. This Pharmacy Technician program is offered at South Dade Adult Center, which is also very successful and with a great demand.

Practical Nursing, had to submit the end of the year report. Mentioned by Paula Porter, Department Head at Robert Morgan Educational Center, was that they hardly have any clinical time in hospitals, creating a problem for the clinical rotation for the students. Jackson South is no longer accepting Practical Nursing students. Ms. Porter also mentioned the letter that Ms. Mims wrote to the Florida Board of Nursing in reference to the lack of clinical rotations.

At Robert Morgan they have one hundred thirty nine students with twenty-one percent attrition. Lindsey Hopkins represented by Ms. Gloria Mendoza, Department Head, attrition rate is eighteen percent. Ms. Mendoza predicted that the present class that they have in practical nurse, is going to have one hundred percent passing rate.

It was also mentioned that one of the biggest problems that they encounter with the students is the language barrier, but that in many cases, the students that have English as a second language, they pay more attention than the rest of the students. Ms. Moss mentioned that case with her students in North Miami Beach Senior, in which she had four ESOL students and two passed the complete test.

Surgical Technician is fully functioning, and that the class is growing, which at the present time they already have twenty students registered. It was also mentioned that we still have a

contract with Mercy Hospital for Surgical Tech. It was mentioned that they need a part-time faculty member in order to help with the clinical rotation for surgical technician students.

The next meeting was scheduled for the month of May 2011, and it will be at Miami Lakes Educational Center. Members were invited to visit the nursing lab, in order to their annual assessment, and their input in reference to the equipment needed. Also, they were asked to fill out the employer forms required from the advisory members.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.