



MINUTES
Quality Assurance Advisory Council (QAAC)
Video Conference Meeting
June 24, 2020

1300-1415 EDT

Participants

Present: Heidelise Als, Deborah Buehler, Melissa Johnson, Nikk Conneman, Inga Warren, Joy Browne, Dorothy Vittner, Jean Powlesland

Absent: gretchen Lawhon, Jim Helm, Karen Smith, Graciela Basso

Courtesy Copy: Kathleen VandenBerg

Minutes from the May, 2020 Quality Assurance Advisory Council (QAAC) meeting were presented electronically. Motion to approve the Minutes carried.

Report from the Task Force on Supportive Groups for Trainers: Time was spent in discussion of the detail regarding the report of the Task Force, consisting of Joy Browne, Jean Powlesland and Inga Warren. J. Browne noted that no comments had been received from the group after the report was shared; however, several issues were considered by the QAAC members present.

The first issue was the title, with the group suggesting that the wording avoid the term Hot Topics and include terms such as “reflective” and “conversation” to emphasize this aspect of the proposal.

The second issue was the suggestion to strike a balance between the encouragement of all trainers, especially newer trainers, to feel comfortable in reaching out to their own or other Senior/Master Trainers in order to discuss topics of concern or interest. It was noted that this option was emphasized in the document’s first paragraph, and will be highlighted in further communication.

The third consideration was the importance of circling back to issues of significance brought up in surveys and in the group discussions at the last few NIDCAP Trainers Meetings; this feedback guided the decision of the task force to be scheduling meetings that would focus on such issues, while also offering open discussions

Additionally, the task force members noted that the first three meetings would serve as a pilot effort, with fine tuning expected as experience is gained.

The importance of ensuring availability of trainers for this activity was noted; the recent survey of trainers provides a list of those who have expressed their openness to participate.

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Action Steps: The QAAC agreed to support the task force to move forward with this activity. The task force will make the edits decided on during the discussion, primarily to the title. D. Buehler will collaborate with the task force to offer an introduction to this opportunity in her President's Letter to the Membership in order to support the e-mail that has been prepared to be shared with the community of Trainers. The task force's edits will be shared with the QAAC in the next few days, so that the first supportive group may proceed in July.

THE NEXT QAAC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 FROM 1300-1400 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.

Respectfully submitted, June 26 , 2020
Melissa R. Johnson

NOTE: Should NFI Members wish further detail or have questions related to the Minutes, please feel free to write to any of the Members, who attended this meeting.