



MINUTES

Quality Assurance Advisory Council Video conference Meeting

March 16, 2022

Participants

Present: H. Als, G. Basso, J. Browne, D. Buehler, M. Johnson, J. Powlesland, I. Warren

Absent: N. Conneman, g. Lawhon, D. Vittner

A detailed discussion of current experiences with on-line training was held. J. Browne and G. Basso shared some of their experiences with on-line APIB training; H. Als has also started this process. Both challenges and opportunities were discussed. Some suggestions and strategies: Use of doll to begin training on administration. Practice with a term baby is recommended to the trainees. Both administration and scoring must be addressed, beginning with administration and then integrating scoring soon in the process. Working with the entire APIB, rather than package by package, was suggested. The need for working with an interpreter presents its own challenges. The use of low-lighting software greatly facilitates the creation of useful videos. Technical details (i.e. best flashlight to use for on-line work) will be addressed by APIB trainers. Recommended frequency of practice sessions and on-line training sessions was discussed.

The need for high-quality demonstration videos and an updated APIB manual was reiterated; current efforts and ideas for these goals were discussed.

Priorities for the upcoming year: The QAAC values input from NFI members about other top priorities. J. Powlesland will review evaluations from the last NTM to see what issues are mentioned. A survey of members may be useful. G. Basso shared positive experiences with a language-specific support group; J. Powlesland and J. Browne mentioned the pilot group project implemented last summer, and it was agreed that further follow-up of this work is indicated. A recommendation to the Program Committee regarding on-line work and support groups will be formulated at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 13, 3:30-4:30 EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Graciela Basso

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.