



MINUTES
Quality Assurance Advisory Council (QAAC)
Zoom Meeting
January 12, 2021

2:00-3:00 EDT

Present: Graciela Basso, Melissa Johnson, Heidelise Als, Dorothy Vittner, Deborah Buehler, Nikk Conne-man, Inga Warren

Absent: Joy Browne, gretchen Lawhon, J. Powlesland

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Minutes from 8 December 2020 meeting were approved.

NIDCAP Certification Process

Document on training hours has been approved.

Guidelines for on-line training involving recording of NIDCAP observations have been approved, with a few minor changes. It was clarified that there will need to be an NFI release form completed, as well as any form required by the involved hospital. Given QAAC approval, D. Vittner will bring to the Board of Directors meeting on 13 January.

Guidelines for on-line APIB training

This was an extensive discussion, especially in light of COVID. H. Als noted the need for a good on-line APIB training film with a score sheet and narration. This is needed to move forward with on-line APIB training. She has used videos to give guidance during the practice period to trainees who were introduced in person. G. Basso has a number of videos from trainees she has worked with. She usually focuses on one package at a time. She noted that there have been changes in behaviors usually seen and scored due to changes in how babies are cared for (i.e. umbrella stand). H. Als noted that she sometimes still sees these behaviors. It was agreed that if training has been started, it is easier to work with trainees on-line. The group discussed at length possible existing videos that could be used for this purpose, including research tapes, recent training, the Edmonton group's training tapes, and other current training groups.

D. Vittner stated the need for a document on the website addressing on-line training and suggested that she and H. Als review a document about the entire on-line NIDCAP training process. Didactic presentation videos exist (DV and gL). Recent bedside observation videos that may be useful for training may emerge from several recent reliability work. Language diversity may turn out to be a strength, though translations will be needed. Clarity about the educational goal of each video will be important. Guidelines that take into account the dynamic nature of the process will be important. The challenge of doing justice to the infant's minute behaviors, which capturing the subsystems, is significant when using video training. NC encouraged the group to "embrace the process and see how it works." D. Buehler mentioned that it has been suggested that we need a "dynamic scan sheet" that allows the learner to click on a behavior and see a video example. This may overlap with efforts underway in Edmonton and other locations.

Next Meeting

Finding a time that works with everyone's schedule is a challenge. We shall meet 9 February 2021 at 2 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Graciela Basso MD, PhD

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.
