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Quality Assurance Advisory Council (QAAC)
Zoom Meeting
March 9, 2021

14:00-15:00 EDT

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

Absent: Inga Warren, gretchen Lawhon

Minutes from 9 February 2021 were approved

Developing guidelines for on-line APIB training:

This topic was discussed in depth for the entire meeting.

J Browne is currently doing on-line APIB training and shared her experience. She noted that the process is challenging but that most obstacles can be overcome. An early step for her group was translation of the APIB manual. She is currently having trainees video an APIB exam. They then watch together on-line, and comment on administration and scoring as the group watches together. This group is one where she had the opportunity to do introduction and demonstration in person before COVID. (Japan)

She is planning to do another introduction and on-line training at a new site. Language has been a challenge. She plans to do several introductory sessions, with space between the sessions to allow the trainees to absorb material presented in a language other than their own. She has discussed foundational information about the APIB, as well as walked through scoring concepts. (Ghent)

Some of the group's questions:

-Use of journal page? No; reflection is done one on one on-line; adding another document would be difficult.

-Cultural differences in learning styles? They exist; long-term relationship with NIDCAP trainers has resulted in supporting effective engagement with learning.

-Is there an alternative to the APIB certification in becoming a NIDCAP trainer?

-If the trainee can tell the story of the baby, is a personal visit necessary in order to assess APIB reliability?

H Als stated that in the past, the use of a video scored independently by the trainee and the trainer was done in preparation for an in-person visit. The group failed to reach a definitive answer to the question of the requirement of the in-person visit. This question appeared to be important enough to be continued in a further discussion.

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-What technology is helpful in making videos? Google glasses have limitations around lighting. GoPro cameras have been useful; they may look strange to the baby. J Browne received very good videos made by trainees where the room was quite dark; the camera gave excellent views of the baby. At the request of H Als, J Browne and N Conneman will write documents summarizing what they are learning in terms of on-line APIB training. J Browne noted that it remains very challenging to do the initial APIB introductory training remotely. This brought up the requirement to produce good APIB training videos.

-What is currently available, and what is required, in terms of APIB training videos? J Tyebkhan's NASCENT project might provide both a full APIB video and samples of individual maneuvers and behaviors; D Buehler noted the desire for both. The NASCENT review group has not met recently due logistical challenges. J Browne is trying to keep track of video samples that she has received. She also noted the value of demonstrating maneuvers using a doll, allowing more narration. G Basso has some videos that she may share. She noted the value of having a "gold standard" good quality and updated video. N Conneman hopes to have the opportunity to make such a video at a site with good space for testing and taping. Those who have new iPhones have found that they are quite good for recording.

-What about consents to use APIB and NIDCAP videos for training? Generally, there are hospital releases signed by parents; the NFI plans to have an additional NFI use release form; a draft has been prepared and is currently under review by the NFI's attorney.

NEXT CALL: D Buehler asked that the agenda include how we respond to questions from the webinar presented recently by H Als. H Als also requested feedback on the draft document on training hours required for those becoming trainers she had submitted for today's meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 13 April 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.
