



MINUTES
Quality Assurance Advisory Council (QAAC)
ZOOM Meeting
11 May 2021
15-16 EDT

Participants

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

Absent: g Lawhon, D. Vittner, I. Warren

Minutes from 13 April 2021 QAAC Meeting approved

APIB on-line training discussion

We continue to seek APIB videos. N Conneman is planning in-person training in the next month and hopes that this may yield videos. D Buehler will contact J Tyebkhan to receive an update on his work on videos of either full APIBs or individual APIB items.

The challenges and possible benefits of distance training were discussed at length. Several members noted that when they have begun the training process and have developed a relationship with the trainee, the transition to on-line training works much better. However, starting with a new trainee on-line is quite difficult. It was noted that assessing how the trainees present themselves and interact at the bedside is much more difficult with remote training. H. Als expressed the importance of training individuals who are now trying to start training. Online training is the only possibility and it is achievable. The discussion also included consideration of maintaining and supporting a “pipeline” of Trainers and Master Trainers. There was also consideration of the necessity of APIB certification as part of qualifying for NIDCAP Trainer status; H. Als and D. Buehler reiterated their commitment to the APIB as part of NIDAP Trainer qualification; H. Als noted that she has heard a Trainer express great appreciation once they completed this requirement. Additionally, the data that support the efficacy of NIDCAP is built on the model that includes APIB training.

Live on-line coaching in the APIB was also discussed; this has the advantage of providing real-time feedback; It was acknowledged that it is challenging for the trainee as well as the trainer to attend to remote feedback while interacting with the baby, especially when adaptations are indicated in support of the baby. Alternatives such as using a mannequin or starting training with more mature/stable babies were considered.

There also was discussion of other options for developmental care training; it was noted that other approaches, such as for instance FINE, lack infant-based outcome research. Such research would be very helpful.

Responding to Webinar questions/follow-up

There was much interest in the webinar made by H. Als, resulting in questions sent electronically that have yet to be answered. The possibility of addressing these questions in a Developmental Observer article was considered; this option will be pursued.

APIB Manual Revision: Translation work is underway for the manual; the revision, per H. Als, will not be available before the summer of 2022, so translation should continue, as much of the manual will remain as it is.

Topics and speakers for a webinar in June or soon after were discussed.

THE NEXT QAAC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021, FROM 15:00-16:00 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.