

Official Minutes

Home Hospital Program Based Planning Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 - 2:45

Present: Tony Robinson, Deborah Green, Michele Mazzola, Kelly Nauerth, Lisa Silverstein, Pat Cain, Laura Tai-Maneiro

1. Minutes of October 16th, 2019 Meeting: Minutes Approved.

2. **Update on # of Students/Layoffs**: The meeting began on a very positive note when Tony made two announcements. He told us that there should be no cuts to the HH unit as of this academic school year ending in June, 2020, and that there is the possibility that our program could regain up to 6 of our lost teacher positions. Tony believes there is a better understanding of the dire situation of our program, and is feeling more favorable about the direction things are headed. At this time, a request has been made directly to the Superintendent by our Chief, Ruth Turner. Lisa and Deb repeated the same positive message with regards to HH teacher cuts. They have also heard from both Adam and Martha that our unit is not expected to be part of the January, 2020 cuts. As of today, Kelly reported that we are down to 7 waitlisted students. However, she is expecting those numbers to increase in the upcoming weeks. Tony also stated that SPED and medical students will receive priority service over long term suspended students placed on HH.

3. **BEDS Issues**: There was some concern for those HH teachers who do not have actual class assignments in PowerSchool and whether or not this reported information on the BEDS form would negatively reflect on our teacher/student numbers. Tony assured us that this is not the case, and that it does not adversely affect either our teachers or our program's reported homeschool attendance. It is understood that our student population is in constant fluctuation throughout the year from beginning to end.

4. **Regents Spreadsheet for January Exams**: Tony is getting together a team of people, including Mr. Ruekberg, to establish a list of HH students who will require Regents exams in January, 2020. He said this effort will take place the week we return from Thanksgiving break, and especially stressed the importance of coordinating student needs with specific exams and exam day schedule. During exam week, Tony said the priority is to make sure all Regents exams are delivered to those students who need it. Suspension of Middle School instruction will take place if the need arises.

5. **New Business**: Tony noted that he feels the year has begun very smoothly and that he expects a smooth transition as we proceed "full steam" into 2020.

Next Planning Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 2:45 PM

