Russell A. Sabella, Ph.D. - Florida Gulf Coast University **Tape Review Feedback**

Kim Fecko

Date of Review: September 6, 2007

Activity: met with 2 students about student success skills

1. Strengths of This Sample:

- a. Nice job with orientation and introduction.
- b. Brainstorming activity, well done.
- c. You are commanding the kids attention and cooperation, nice job.
- d. The "what else?" question is my favorite.
- e. Complimenting participation, great.
- f. Enthusiastic and focused ©
- g. Some use of humor and fun with the kids, that's terrific, nice work.

2. Areas for Development:

a. More open versus closed questions to facilitative discussion, especially at the beginning.

3. Comments or Questions to Think About

- a. Other activities beyond discussion.
- b. At the beginning, you seemed a bit nervous although this only lasted a few minutes. After you were more relaxed and confident, that all changed .. Nice!
- c. Overall terrific job!

Russell A. Sabella, Ph.D. - Florida Gulf Coast University **Tape Review Feedback**

Date of Review: September 29, 2007 Activity: session 1 (small group)

1. Strengths of This Sample:

- a. Explaining purpose of the group (retention).
- b. Summarizing, open questions .. Nice job facilitating...
- c. Focus on decision making, good idea to stay focused on what kids can control.
- d. Keeping order in the group, nice.
- e. Looking for exceptions ("have you guys always had these problems? Even since kindergarten?"). Nice.

2. Areas for Development:

a. Have members talk to each other more, especially about what they are doing already to succeed even just a little bit.

3. Comments or Questions to Think About

- a. When you have more time .. Follow through more on exceptions. Detail, mind map, and amplify them.
- b. Overall nice job.

Russell A. Sabella, Ph.D. - Florida Gulf Coast University **Tape Review Feedback**

Date of Review: October 26, 2007 Activity: small group (academics)

1. Strengths of This Sample:

- a. Checking in on grades (report cards came out this week).
- b. Continually confident and more expert ⊚
- c. Feeling focused responses, very good.
- d. *Effective questions and discussion about academic goals and plans.*
- e. Feedback (this makes me sad ...).
- f. Solution focused. Nice job detailing what they are doing to get better. Some amplifying too (effect on teachers).
- g. Focus on negative self talk.

2. **Areas for Development:**

- a. *Mindmap more. How did students do better.*
- b. A bit scattered (too much breadth). Focus in a bit on one or two issues/goals.

3. Comments or Questions to Think About

- a. Be careful about checking grades in a small group as it relates to confidentiality. I did not hear any problems although it could creep up quickly. Okay if students to divulge grades in front of each other but not for you to do it.
- b. Overall, this sounds like group advisement which is very efficient, nice work.
- c. Overall excellent job.

Russell A. Sabella, Ph.D. - Florida Gulf Coast University **Tape Review Feedback**

Date of Review: November 14, 2007

Activity: Logan (Individual)

1. Strengths of This Sample:

- a. Checking in on grades (academic indicators always important and for some educators, most important).
- b. Cheerleading
- c. Facilitative responses, especially important b/c it sounds like he is grieving.
- d. Focusing on what works to prevent or get through panic attack (spend more time with this).
- e. Homework for next time (setting goals).

2. Areas for Development:

- a. I wouldn't focus so much on why "teacher yells a lot." student is not in control of that and it can also land you in hot water b/c she is a would-be colleague. You did eventually switch to how student copes with the yelling (this is most important).
- b. Still a bit scattered .. I want you to pick a counseling model and really stick with it next semester, I'm going to hold you to this more than ever.

3. Comments or Questions to Think About

a. Overall nice job with a first meeting (building rapport, orientation, exploring and discovery, etc.).