

School Health Advisory Committee Meeting

September 22, 2022

Lee County Public Education Center

8:30 – 10:00 am

Member/Guests/Presenters

Bradley, Chuck	SDLC - Director of Positive Prevention
Carroll, Amy	LCSD-Coordinator of Food Procurement
Cavanagh, Christina	Physician Lee Health
Colon, Wildaliz	LCSD-Assistant Director - Health Services
Comella, Deb	Drug-Free SWFL Director
Evans, Amanda	DOH - Health Educator
Fischer, Mary	LCSD -Board Member
Fleming, Tina	LMHS - Project ADAM, Child Advocate
Giovannelli, Melisa	LCSD - Board Member
Hart, Jacqueline	Health Planning Council - Navigator Team Leader
Kreuscher, Sally	Lee Health - Community Programs Coordinator
Kurtz, Julie	LCSD-Registered Dietitian
McBride, Debbie	Parent
Miner, Moira	LCSD - ESE Nurse Specialist
Mitchell, Charlene	Community Partnership, School Director
Noble, Julie	LMHS - Safe Kids SWFL Coordinator
Parker, Heather	LCSD-Wellness Coordinator
Rodriguez, Lorena	Child Advocacy Program Supervisor
Roy, Leisha	LCSD-Health Educator, SHAC Chair
Samuelson, Kim	Golisano Children's Hospital
Spero, Sophia	MADD Program Specialist
Thompson, Sara	LCSD - Prevention Specialist
Wynne, Kathy	LCSD - Prevention Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Leisha Roy.

Members on Zoom were asked to enter their names and titles into the chat box for attendance.

Minutes from the April 14th meeting were unanimously approved with Deb Comella making a motion to approve and a second was made by Sally Kreuscher.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

School Board Update – Mary Fischer announced she would like to continue being a member of SHAC as a private citizen. She would also like to continue her work with the Healthy Living Collaboration.

Mary spoke of the referendum to elect a Superintendent. She offered additional information to any interested parties as to why this should not be passed. (See attached handout)

The Board continues to work with the lobbyists regarding the legislation for the Comprehensive Health Education Plan. We are hoping to increase our offerings of Comprehensive Health Programs.

Deb Comella announced that at the Red Ribbon Awards this year on October 17<sup>th</sup>, they will be establishing the Mary Fischer Community Service Award. This award will be given to a student annually that exhibits exemplary community service participation.

Department of Health – Tobacco Update – Amanda Evans discussed the importance of all schools having a tobacco policy. She reviewed the 15 provisions the policy should cover/contain. Lee County has 3 of the 15 provisions listed in their current policy. (See attached handout)

Majority of the school districts only have 1 to 5 of the provisions in their current policies. Polk County is the only school district that has all 15 provisions listed in their policy.

There is an organization called Neola which helps school districts to update their policies. Neola monitors legal changes and then makes recommendations to school districts to add the information to their policy. Lee County has recently requested the assistance of Neola to improve our policy.

Amanda also described Students Working Together Against Tobacco (SWAT) clubs, which the Health Department has at some churches and community centers. They are hoping to start more maybe in schools in the upcoming months.

For more information please reach out to: Kurt Goerke is the Program Manager (239-332-9536) [Kurt.Goerke@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kurt.Goerke@flhealth.gov) or Nadia Nieves the Program Consultant with SWAT (239-332-9510) [Nadia.Nieves@flhealth.gov](mailto:Nadia.Nieves@flhealth.gov).

Employee Wellness Update – Heather Parker announced that the District is increasing the stipend for employees to have their annual physical. The school district has 32% of employees getting an annual physical. They are hoping by increasing the stipend to \$150.00 more employees will be encouraged to do it.

The Wellness Department also offers several of healthy programs and mental health programs to all employees.

Health Services Update – Wally Colon reported that there is now stock epinephrine in every school. She thanked Sally Kreuzer and Leisha Roy for helping her to put this together.

Wally reviewed the impact of HB1557 on school clinics. Currently school clinics cannot provide any “health services” without the written permission of the parent. Parents can go online and do this on Focus and permission slips are also being sent home for those unable to log on to a computer. Medications can be given without this permission because there is a separate order form signed by the parent and doctor to administer medications or do procedures.

Regarding COVID, we just have to notify the Department of Health if there is an outbreak of 3 or more people in a close setting. This should be reported for COVID and any other contagious disease. The DOH will investigate if they need to.

Comprehensive Health Update – Leisha reported that this was again a legislative priority this year. Dr. Carlin was given a lot of background information regarding the history for the district.

Healthy Living Collaboration – Leisha reported that the group is in the process of preparing for the “School Garden Showcase” on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent and all the Board members have been invited. It is at Island Coast High School. The Department of Agriculture and UF IFAS will do a school garden leadership training that day for up to 60 participants. Wells Fargo is going to sponsor the lunch and East Lee County Culinary is going to prepare the food. Salads will also be prepared from the lettuce at ICHS.

The School District was awarded a \$100,000.00 Farm to School grant. Susie Hassett is currently in Boston training for the grant.

Amy Carroll also announced the Food and Nutritional Services will be hiring an Assistant School Manager of School Gardens. There is also a teacher position within the Farm to School grant.

Leisha and a team will be meeting with a group called Brighter Bites that will be giving four schools 20 to 25 pounds of fresh produce (to all students and staff members who enroll) every two weeks. They are starting with four and hoping to expand eventually up to ten schools.

Positive Prevention Update – Chuck Bradley reported that of the 106,000+ student in Lee County, 6700+ students have a 504. That is up 800 students from last year. A student receives a 504 when they require specific accommodations during the school day but they do not require a specialized education.

Chuck also shared that the Equity Guide has been completed and published to the parent portal. The project started a year ago and is still evolving as the laws change. The guide is organized around key civil rights laws.

The district is continuing to provide workshops about restorative practices. We are also going to add a school-based team training for all schools.

Positive Behavior, Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – Last year we had 29 model schools. That has increased to possibly 44 schools this year. We are hoping by this year or early next year we will be at 100% participation for all schools. This program is currently being run through USF.

We get funds from the state for safe schools. Some of the money is to cover the School Resource Officers (SRO's) at the school, while another portion is used to create alternatives to discipline programs within the schools.

National Bullying Awareness Month kicks off in October. October 19<sup>th</sup> is the Unity Day. The color to represent this month is orange. Chuck reported that the district only had 170 cases that were reported last year. We are trying to get awareness out there for people to recognize the difference between bullying and just having disagreement/conflict.

Prevention Services has created character education videos by conducting student interviews.

October is respect and upstander and November is patriotism.

There is also a Prevention first quarter newsletter that has a lot of good information to support Unity Day. It also has a lot of other links. The newsletters are sent out using Peach Jar and it is also on the Prevention page.

Lori Brooks stated that the Prevention newsletters are being sent directly to the administrative school at each school and they are encouraged to send it out to all the teachers and families.

The group gave suggestions for possible ways to help get this important information to everyone.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Leisha thanked Sally Kreuscher and Julie Noble for helping with the CPR training in the beginning of the year. There were 106 teachers and coaches that went through this training. There is going to be a luncheon to thank all of the CPR instructors on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Leisha announced that Melisa Giovannelli will be our new Board representative for SHAC.

Debbie McBride explained how excited her kids were to have the peanut butter uncrustables at school.

Julie Noble announced that during passenger safety tech week, there will be car seat checks offered for free. Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 until 1:00 pm at North FM Fire Department and on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 until 10:00 at Jet Blue Park.

October 12 will be annual walk to school day at Tanglewood.

November 18<sup>th</sup> is National Injury Prevention Day. Julie is asking everyone to shine a green light and send in the picture.

Sara Thompson offered to help set up the Zoom calls for the upcoming SHAC meetings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leisha asked if anyone had anything for public comment.

Meeting was unanimously ended with a motion made by Amanda Evans and seconded by Heather Parker.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

**2022 – 2023 Meetings**

November 17, 2022

February 9, 2023

April 13, 2023