

SHAC Minutes
12-8-15

In Attendance: Susan Argenti, Brad Breedlove, Jennifer Dodson, Wendy Duemmler, Laurel Healy, John Jones, Lindsay Jones, Jane Laney, Wendy Nielsen, Lucinda Ourant, Kevin Plue, Tracy Hamilton, Janie Webb

Business:

- 5:01 pm- meeting opened
- Minutes from meeting on 9-29-15 presented and approved
- At the last meeting, SHAC members voted unanimously for a letter from SHAC to be sent to UCPS administration to recommend the enhancement of our website to include protocols/web links of commonly seen communicable diseases. Jane Laney informed the group that this letter has not yet been drafted, but chair Philip Tarte is aware that this is a continued need.
- Jane Laney informed the group that school nurses are currently using PowerSchool to document health room visits, screenings, health information and mentioned the major problems that this is causing for retrieval of records, transfer of health information from one nurse to another, and instability in documentation with the number of problems that PowerSchool is experiencing state wide. Health room visits cannot be copied for subpoena purposes without cutting/pasting records and this leaves a lot of room for error/late entry. Also, when students change schools, nurses are not privy to the student's previous health room visits from the previous schools, resulting in a lack of continuity of care. Currently, PowerSchool does not allow for immunization reports to print exemptions for immunizations, making an immunization audit for the entire school practically impossible to be done in a timely manner in the event of an outbreak. Additionally, electronic medical records that are available for school nursing specifically offer a lot more options for creating and distributing health information. It was relayed that Jane Laney and Wendy Nielsen have spent some time researching different EMR options for UCPS nurses, but thus far, the systems are either cost prohibitive or incompatible to port information from PowerSchool. Laurel Healy stated that UCPS would be sponsoring a HomeBase PowerSchool meeting in January, and took notes about our concerns with documentation in PowerSchool.
- Tracy Hamilton, school nurse at Piedmont High, voiced a concern about the Transition to Adulthood students needing an appropriate sexuality curriculum. She stated at present, she does a class for them on basic hygiene, but the sexuality issues are of a great concern to her and the teachers, and this is not able to be addressed with our present Abstinence Curriculum that occurs in the regular education classes. Other nurses stated that the Abstinence Curriculum in all grade levels does not leave any flexibility for EC students to be educated on the level that is appropriate to their needs. Janie Webb stated she has a meeting with the lead EC directors in January and will ask them at the meeting how they meet the needs of their EC students in regards to the Abstinence Curriculum.
- Lucinda Ourant, school nurse at Parkwood Middle, presented information she has on the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model that has been developed with the collaboration of the CDC and ASCD. This model incorporates and expands the 8 components of a Coordinated School Health program to that of 10, while taking the educational benchmarks into account in developing schools that are focused on a host of bench marks beyond test scores and graduation rates. The info presented at the meeting is attached. Lucinda also talked about a school system in Takoma, Washington that has embraced the WSWCWC model and the passion of their superintendent in setting up benchmarks for their students. More information can be accessed at <http://www.ascd.org/whole-child>. The directors present stated they would have more conversation about this in future meetings.
- Additional SHAC meetings for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:
Tuesday, March 8, 2016; Tuesday, May 10, 2016
- 6:01 pm - meeting adjourned.