

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC)

Minutes 3-23-2021

In Attendance: Emilee Batchelor, Kelsie Bednarz, Tracey Carney, Traci Colley, Chris Conway, Wendy Duemmler, Tracy Hamilton, Laurel Healy, Denise Lamar, Jarrod McCraw, Samantha McGirt, Christina Neal, Wendy Nielsen, Lucinda Ourant, Cindy Payne, Christine Skrutowski, Stephanie Starr, Mark Strickland.

Business:

- 3:00 pm- meeting opened on 3-23-21.
- Minutes from 11-10-20 approved.
- Wendy Nielsen, School Nurse Supervisor, gave an update on COVID in the schools. The vaccine clinic was completed this past weekend for school employees receiving their second dose. Metrics are improving in Union County and we are preparing to go back to school 5 days a week starting April 12th. Eleven nurses and three Nurse Supervisors are working over spring break to continue contact tracing for schools.
- Stephanie Starr, Director of Community Support and Outreach, updated that the Healthy Union Coalition is moving forward on community health assessment, mental health and substance abuse access to care. Prevention, education, and outreach analytics on mental health is coming from communications. Behavior Health Collaborative is also tracking data with regards to children served and education provided to families. Tobacco Education as it relates to SHAC's Goal 1 is not moving forward due to Human Services and schools focusing in other areas at this time. We hope the re-start the work next school year.
- Tracey Carney, SEL Coordinator, reviewed that Mental Health First Aid classes are continuing to be scheduled. The April 12th class is being pushed back to mid-April and there is a class scheduled in May. The state is requiring schools to have a mental health plan to cover topics such as teen dating violence, suicide prevention, sex trafficking, etc. It must be updated annually. Initial training will be 6 hours and then 2 hours annually.
- Wendy Nielsen shared that the 2021 NC SHAC Virtual Meeting is April 21 and 22 from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm. The breakout sessions will include COVID response, mental health, universal design for learning, community support and out of school time, equity, and school nutrition. Kelsie Bednarz and Denise Lamar are attending. There is one opening left for another SHAC representative to attend. Tracey Carney agreed to go.
- Jarrod McCraw, Ass't Superintendent of Student Support, thanked Atrium and the UC Department of Health for arranging vaccine clinics for school employees. 60% of UCPS staff are fully vaccinated. He thanked the nursing staff for all they've done during COVID.
- Kelsie Bednarz, Registered Dietician and Marketing Specialist for School Nutrition, is preparing to support meal service 5 days a week in the schools. They are ending curbside meals on April 1 with a 4-day pack out. She is preparing new recipes as well for April.
- Denise Lamar, Director of School Nutrition, added that they would continue to follow COVID protocols when preparing meals 5 days a week. Her department is looking into offering lunches over the summer. They are also having a taste testing for new foods and recipes.

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- Traci Colley, Environmental Health Director, shared that School Nutrition did an amazing job from an environmental health perspective and definitely stepped up.
- Emilee Batchelor is a junior at the Medical Academy at CATA. She thanked the nurses and for being on the committee.
- Next SHAC meeting is on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 4-5 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.