

School Health Advisory Committee Minutes
November 15, 2018
Lee County Public Education Center
8:30-10:00am

Members/Guests/Presenters

Lisa Canale	LCSD- School Nurse, SHAC Secretary
Leisha Roy	LCSD- Health Educator
Mary Fischer	Lee County School Board Member
Pam Peters	FSW- Professor
Casandra DeBoer	LCSD- School Nurse
Pat Freve	FDOH- Nursing Specialty Program, Private School Liaison
Sue Grohs	LCSD- Health Services Coordinator
Amy Carroll	LCSD- Dietitian, Nutritional Services
Deborah Comella	Drug Free SWFL
Terry Tucker, MD	Southwest Florida Ophthalmologist Association
Amanda Pusey	FDOH Health Education Program Consultant
Mark Tesoro	Lee Health Trauma Center
Sally Kreuzscher	Gaisano Children's Hospital
Stan Wiggins	Pediatrician
Sara Thompson	LCSD-Prevention Specialist
Carly Fifer	Lee Health-Lead Speech/Language Pathologist

Meeting called to order at 8:30 by Leisha Roy

Introductions made by all present

Approval of the 09-13-18 meeting minutes

New Business

Carly Emerson Fifer, Lead Speech and Language Pathologist with Lee Health presenting on the Brain Injury Council regarding Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and the pathways for support for students of the Lee County School District (LCSD). The TBI council would like to open communication about how their goal is to work together to follow best practices and enhance the transition process for students after TBI with the combined efforts from both the schools and medical professionals. The presentation showed statistics and data regarding mild or MTBI/severe TBI and how mild is missed very often. It was explained how 145,000 school-age students live with a persistent disability from a TBI with the most common cause being from motor vehicle accidents followed by falls. Carly explains how important it is to identify TBI right away by promoting awareness, providing education and prevention interventions, and improving access to resources so that the quality of life for TBI survivors can be improved. The council works to reintegrate persons back into the community and the school system following a TBI and would like to do so by bridging the gaps that exist with a child's return to school.

Leisha Roy, LCSD Health Educator, presented information from the last state level Ad Hoc Advisory Committee/SHAC meeting in which she is a member representative. The Surgeon General requested the committee to form to address and make school health and school safety a priority. The goal and focus are on improving mandated and funded health education by increasing school nurses and health education classes. Leisha presented comparable data between counties: Duval county has 4085 education classes, Dade County has over 8000 classes, and Lee County only has 135. Leisha will update at each SHAC meeting.

Questions asked after presentation: Why is there a difference between counties? Is it budget, politics, size of county? Should this issue go to the News Press to help address the issue? Is there any Legislative support? Why is there not more enforcement for health education classes in the schools?

For the Good of the Order

Leisha Roy followed up on our LCSD bus drivers being trained on Mental Health issues. She found out that they are not at this time although there will be future Mental Health training for all employees. LCSD has received the funding and training has started but it will take some time. The training will be online and live sessions. Lori Brooks will possibly update at next SHAC meeting.

Leisha Roy will share contact information for Mark Tesoro, Lee Health-Injury Prevention Analyst/Educator, with Morgan Write, PE Instructor so they can discuss how PE related injuries are handled by LCSD and have Mark present to PE classes throughout the schools.

Leisha Roy discussed Dr. Timothy Dougherty and his Health and Judicial Drug Awareness Program and presenting to the students of LCSD. He is planning to speak at the next SHAC meeting, so he can introduce his program and get it implemented.

Deborah Comella will send Lisa Canale the flyers to share with the committee regarding the Drug House Odyssey Family Night date, time, and location as well as the Counterdrug Prevention Program.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am