

School Health Advisory Committee Meeting

February 10, 2022

Lee County Public Education Center via Zoom

8:30 – 10:00 am

Member/Guests/Presenters

Bradley, Chuck	SDLC - Director of Positive Prevention
Brescher, Heidi	FMPD
Brooks, Lori	LCSD- Director School Counseling
Camarda, Gabrielle	DOH - Nursing Program Specialist
Candiano, Michele	School Nurse
Colon, Wildaliz	LCSD-Assistant Director - Health Services
Comella, Deb	Drug-Free SWFL Director
Cross, Heather	CEO, Center for Progress and Excellence
Dulong, Shaina	Clinical Coordinator, Center for Progress and Excellence
Fairman, David	Community Partnership, Franklin Park
Fischer, Mary	LCSD -Board Member
Fleming, Tina	LMHS - Project ADAM, Child Advocate
Gallo, Yazmin	LCSD - Educational Paraprofessional
Goerke, Kurt	DOH- Health Education Program Manager
Hassett, Susie	LCSD - EE Resource Teacher
Kreuscher, Sally	Golisano Children's Hospital
Kulko, Jon	Lieutenant -Cape Coral Police Dept.
McBride, Debbie	Parent/Nurse
Miner, Moira	LCSD - ESE Nurse Specialist
Morio, Ashtin	Hanley Foundation - Prevention Coordinator
Noble, Julie	LMHS - Safe Kids SWFL Coordinator
Ortenzo, Janet	Southwest Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Parker, Heather	LCSD-Wellness Coordinator
Pierce, Christopher	Florida Army National Guard
Remaley, Megan	Family Partnership Director
Roy, Leisha	LCSD-Health Educator: SHAC Co-Chair
Samuelson, Kim	Golisano Children's Hospital
Thompson, Sara	LCSD - Prevention Specialist
Wenzel, Sherry	LCSD - Coordinator, School Counseling
Wynne, Kathy	LCSD - Prevention Specialist

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

Members were asked to enter names and titles into chat box for attendance.

Leisha requested that the agenda be amended. She requested that “Public Comment” be added to the end of the agenda after Good of the Order. Deb Comella made the motion to approve and a second was made by Kurt Goerke. It passed unanimously.

Minutes from the November 18th meeting were unanimously approved with Julie Noble making a motion to approve and a second was made by Sherry Wenzel.

NEW BUSINESS

School Board Update – Mary Fisher informed the Committee that we have hired a new Superintendent named Chris Bernier. The Board is in the process of working on a transition plan with Dr. Savage and Dr. Bernier.

Mary shared they are keeping an eye on the Legislative Session because there are multiple bills that stand to impact the operations of the School District. There is one bill that is specific to Lee County. It calls for a Superintendent that is elected and not appointed. Majority of school districts have an appointed Superintendent. House Bill 497 is being sponsored by Representatives Jenna Person-Mulicka and Spencer Roach. The Board has voted to take a stand against this bill.

Mary also shared that this will be her last year as a Board member.

Drug House Odyssey - Ashtin Morio, Prevention Coordinator with the Hanley Foundation, presented data reflecting alcohol usage in our local counties among our high school students. This is where Drug House Odyssey comes into play. Teaching our students, the danger of using alcohol and other drugs early will hopefully prevent future usage.

Deb Comella gave an overview of the program this year. It was decided that the event will be held virtually this year. The program is a United Way activity. The video is recommended for fifth grade and up. There are stopping points in the video where discussions with the students can take place. All students that watch the video will be given a Drug House Odyssey wristband.

(The sizzler reel is attached <https://youtu.be/zSDYy6HGTYk>)

Deb also presented that on February 16, 2022 there will be a Town Hall on vaping for parents.

Health Services Update – Wally Colon presented that the School District will begin serving peanut butter in their cafeterias. Food and Nutrition Services has bright stickers which will be placed on all peanut products. The products will be in sealed containers within the food line and they will be placed in special black bins to prevent cross contamination.

On February 8th the Board approved the Allergy Management Policy (policy 4.223). Parents are being encouraged to update their student’s allergy information on FOCUS. Emergency Action Plans (EAP) are continuing to be implemented by all School Nurses for students with allergies.

An educational video was created in collaboration with our Communication Department. This will be shown throughout the schools, as needed.

The Uncrustable sandwiches will be available every day at the elementary level and every other day at the middle and high school levels.

On February 9th all families were informed about the addition of peanut butter to the school menus, via School Messenger. The staff and students are being trained during the week of February 14 – 18, 2022. Uncrustable sandwiches will be available beginning February 22, 2022.

Employee Wellness – Heather Parker gave an overview of the important mental health initiatives going on within the District. The LIFT Project just recently completed with over 400 people participating. It is an on-line initiative that teaches positive techniques for handling mental health issues.

Employee Wellness has also put together a mental health/nutrition guide book for Principals. They will be rolling it out at the next Principal meetings. It will give the Principals suggestions to support staff using healthy snacks.

Mental Health Update – Sherry Wenzel gave an overview of the mental health program in the district. The District has hired 27 licensed mental health professionals at this point to provide support for our students.

Our Community Partnerships were also reviewed. Salus Care is our Community Mental Health Provider. Most of our students are getting an intake within two weeks of a referral being completed. The District also works very closely with Golisano's Children's Hospital. They provide Mental Health Navigators for our families to support them throughout the system. We have a new partnership with Catholic Charities. They supplement our licensed health professionals by placing supports in some of the middle schools. This service is provided free of charge. The Center for Progress and Excellence (CPE) is another partnership which serve as our mobile crisis team. Sherry thanked all the agencies for all of their assistance.

Wellness Wednesdays has started for parents. The next one will be March 2nd at 7:00pm via Zoom. Megan Palumbo from Park Royal Hospital will be presenting. Megan works with Jason's Project and will be providing information for our parents on suicide prevention and how to support their children if they are in crisis.

Positive Prevention Update – Chuck Bradley gave a service update from an equity perspective. In Equity Services he is the District Equity Coordinator and also works with the Section 504, Title IX and Title V.

Section 504 is for all students that have some type of disability and they may require accommodations, but they do not require specialized education. We are seeing a lot of students coming to us from outside the country. This program helps those students who may not qualify for IDEA services. Chuck asked anyone from the group that has community services or resources that can help these students that are migrating to our country to let him know so he can pass the information on to our families.

Title IX – There is a new program that is being put together on harassment and discrimination. It will be presented to middle and high school students. It will teach them about harassment and

give them an overview of what is and isn't considered harassment. This program can be used by the schools for small group or individual training.

Chuck is in the process of creating an Equity Guide. He will be taking it out for input to other staff soon. He showed the overall organization of the guide.

Positive Behavior Support – There are currently 75 schools participating in the PBIS Program. Seventy-four of those schools are inputting data and in pursuit of becoming model schools in PBIS.

GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Leisha showed a video of the successful GO RED Day that occurred at the School District last Friday. There was a hands-on CPR training for any employees that were interested. The equipment was provided by a grant from Arthrex. There were 100 employees that participated. This equipment will help in the CPR training for students.

Mary is the Board Liaison for the Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee. They have prepared some suggestions for improving comprehensive health education.

Julie Noble announced that Safe Kids Day will be on April 16, 2022 from 11am to 2PM at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Julie also introduced the new Project Adam Coordinator, Tina Fleming.

Leisha announced that the Healthy Living Collaboration is blossoming and there will be an update at the next meeting. We will also be doing SHAC Chair and Secretary nominations at the next meeting which is April 14, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leisha asked if anyone had anything for public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

2021 – 2022 Meetings

April 14, 2022

2022 – 2023 Meetings

September 22, 2022

November 17, 2022

February 9, 2023

April 13, 2023