

SHAC Meeting



Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

12:00-1:00PM

Google Meets

Attendants:

Johnnelly Green-Host	Melissa Gentry
Serina Marcum-Holt	Paul Myers
Christina Edwards	Jamie Lovett
Gary Pigott	Verena Vancil
Jyoti Budania	Veita Jackson-Carter
Michele Milinkovic	Tyrese Gaines
Randell Doty	

Meeting began:

Introductions – Johnnelly Green

Mrs. Veita Jackson-Carter - Director of System of Care, supervises social workers and family liaisons.

School Health – Johnnelly Green

Current medical acuties in the schools. Report of our current 2023-2024 medical and mental health acuties district wide. There are thousands of students with serious health conditions enrolled in our schools. Our community is a hub of great medical providers including UFHealth Shands hospital and with that brings many students with complex medical needs into our school district. We have students with tracheostomies and on ventilators, usually those students have a 1:1 nurse. Some schools need to be made peanut-free due to the high number of allergies to peanuts. We have a large increase of students with mental health conditions which our nurses work closely with the school counselors to cohesively help the student. Thus, why it is necessary that we have a licensed nurse at each school.

Health Screenings Data 23-24 – Johnnelly Green

Health Screening Data for vision/hearing/height and weight/scoliosis screenings. The data numbers this year show that a large number of students that would benefit from these health screenings are not getting them due to the need for signed parental consent. These services include referrals for free eye glasses, referrals for health care, emergent dental care, and free preventative dental sealants.

Q: -Are these students that are not getting consent for this?

A: JG-Well, sometimes it's a "no" from a parent but sometimes the parent doesn't fill out the consent form at all and we have to consider that as a "no consent" as well. When in previous years we would screen all students unless a parent requested in writing we didn't. So many students are missing out on services we could potentially provide to help make them become more successful students.

Melissa G. comment-this could definitely be affecting school grades, having to deal with tooth pain, or not being able to properly see the white board. Many parents also may not realize that this consent has to be renewed each school year.

Q: -what about using health screening data from primary care provider?

A: JG-yes, some data is obtained from the school entry physical form for new students and Kindergarteners.

Q: Will this consent be reversed to be the way it used to be?

A :JG-We would love to see that happen, as some of our students would benefit from these screenings to succeed academically. We are working behind the scenes with our attorney to try to change what we can.

Q: What caused this change? Was it at a state level? Because these numbers are horrific!

A: JG- HB 1557

Flu Mist data – Johnnelly Green (graph shown on screen)

Decreasing number of Flu cases.

Paul Myers-Program in schools started in 2006. We are the only county in the state that has this program. Numbers nationwide are down not just in Alachua County. The decrease in hospital visits with flu like s/s could possibly due to vaccine presence in the schools.

Tobacco Free Alachua – Tyrese Gaines

25.7% of FI youth surveyed have tried cigarettes, vapes, hookah, etc.

Provides link for a course regarding youth smoking cessation. Nurses can get 20 CEUs.

Community Resources – Johnnelly Green

Hazel Health-Virtual mental health resources. Email sent out to parents. Virtual mental health from school or home--free access to a mental health professional. Signed consent is needed. Mental Health Specialist, Kimberly Joy, who wasn't able to attend today's meeting but provided information to be shared with SHAC. The program does bill insurance but only because they want to connect that student with community resources, no money taken from parent. Available M-F, 7A-7P, during school hours and during Christmas break. Concept is aimed at tier 1 tier2 level more of a preventative thing and hopefully before a crisis. Trained to respond as it might be a crisis situation. It is compliant with FERPA and HIPAA, so student can speak freely as they need. A computer/i-pad has been set-up at each school for student to use. Employee will assist in the set-up but then leave the room. Also have Spanish speaking available. Great program for our schools. Our nurses should also be trained in this because sometimes they are the first person the student will approach.

No further questions.

Next meeting date is in March.

Meeting adjourned.