

SHAC Meeting Minutes

12/12/24

Attendants:

Johnnelly Green	Deloris Paul
Melissa Gentry	Gary Pigott
Randell Doty	Kathleen Ryan
Christina Edwards	LaTroy Strappy
Sarah Gehrsitz	Paul Myers
Jamie Lovett	Kourtney Oliver
Michele Milinkovic	

Meeting began 11:04AM

Introduction – Johnnelly Green

- No new members to introduce, all members the same from last year
- Legislative update: Based on directive from school district as derived from Florida Statute, Alachua County school district requires active signed parental consent for all health screenings, as well as, medical management of chronic health conditions and development of nursing care plans by the school Registered Nurse. In the past two years, there has been a significant decline in the number of students that the school nurse is able to screen. Data was presented from 23-24 health screenings, and now 24-25 health screenings. Last year, 35% of applicable grade students (K, 1st, 3rd, and 6th) were screened, this year so far (still missing data pending) 36% have been screened. Johnnelly and members of the UF Dental team are speaking with legislators regarding the wording on the statute that appears vague and explains why some districts in Florida are functioning under an “opt-out” system, as opposed to an “opt-in” system.

Wellness Coordinator updates – Johnnelly Green

- Each school campus currently has a Wellness Coordinator, a school employee who takes a supplemental position and is responsible for the maintenance of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This employee is also required to become CPR Instructor Certified in order to receive the full supplement at the end of the school year. List of current Wellness Coordinators was presented, most of them are currently instructor-certified in teaching a BLS course, others are still working on their certification.
- Each school campus and district office site has at least one AED on property. Elementary schools have one, middle schools have two, and high schools have three, sometimes four if their Athletic Trainer has one in their office for away games. Lists of who is CPR certified and AED trained are listed throughout each school in case of emergency. A shared spreadsheet between all of the Wellness Coordinators and Johnnelly Green list all of the expiration dates for the AEDs and their accessories, so supplies can be purchased ahead of the expiration dates. All machines in the district are currently rescue-ready.

Pharmaceutical Topics – Johnnelly Green

- Expiration dates on pharmacy labels vs. manufacturer expiration dates for medications. Label dates tend to be earlier than manufacturer dates. Dr. Randell Doty, PharmD explained that the label expiration dates are determined once the medication is opened, then the

- medication is deemed viable for one year after that date, which trumps the manufacturer date. Medication should be discarded after expiration date on pharmacy label.
- 30-day rule on controlled substance pharmacy labels – found on some ADHD medications in the schools. Dr. Randell Doty states that those are usually written by the prescriber, not the pharmacy, and do not determine the viability of the medication. They are a notification to the parent that they need to check in with the physician after 30 days. This can be a default setting on the prescriber’s system. Dr. Kathleen Ryan states that UF Health Pharmacy has removed this default setting from pills/tablets/caplets that are prescribed, but not from liquid medication, as the liquid form can dilute after 30 days. Johnnelly states that school nurses are instructed to contact the physician to request a new label or extension of the date in writing.
 - Otoloscope use – Johnnelly asked for physician input on otoscope use by school nurses as an assessment tool vs. it being an invasive procedure. Dr. Kathleen Ryan states that it can be used as a preliminary assessment tool by the nurse, with the nurse then referring the student to a physician for evaluation and diagnosis, as nurses cannot diagnose.
 - Short-acting bronchodilator use by school personnel – per FS 1002.20, trained school personnel may now administer a short-acting bronchodilator (rescue inhaler) to a student whom they deem to be having respiratory distress, whether or not the student is diagnosed with asthma. Our current standing order for short-acting bronchodilator use will be amended to reflect this (it currently states that it may only be administered to a student with a previous asthma diagnosis).
 - Sports physicals are now being accepted for enrollment into ACPS schools, as they encompass all body parts, and are performed by a licensed physician.

Community Resources –

- The Community School housed within Howard Bishop Middle School is still in effect, and is being expanded to two additional schools – Metcalfe Elementary and Rawlings Elementary (per Melissa Gentry). A meeting will be held next week regarding the expansion, Melissa stated that Johnnelly should be in attendance to the meeting.
- America’s Best Eyeglasses – still a resource for students who need glasses and need the financial assistance. America’s Best is not handing out paper vouchers, but have instructed the school nurses to refer parents to call the company and state that they were referred by the school, and they will honor those vouchers. The voucher includes one eye exam and one basic pair of eyeglasses.
- Hazel Health – mental health telehealth services, continues to be used by students and parents throughout the district.

No public comments or questions.

Next meeting scheduled for March 2025.