

**ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 11, 2017**

**4:00-5:30 pm**

**Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School -- Mini Auditorium**

**SHAB Member Attendees:** Marilyn Foster for Deborah Bowers (Alexandria Health Department / Teen Wellness Center), Candace Hill (Chair, parent, Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria), Michael Humphreys (ACPS), Shelly Morgan (SAPCA), Julie Rocchio (parent), Dr. Vivek Sinha (Medical Consultant to ACPS), Dr. Tara Stanley (parent, Optometrist), Charles Sumpter (Alexandria Commission on Employment; NOVA Urban League), Michael Suppa, (ACPS, Child, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission)

**Other Attendees:** Canek Aguirre (Anthem Healthkeepers Plus), Dr. Julie Crawford (ACPS), Robyn Douglas (ACPS), Allen Lomax (Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria), Rachel Mendelson (DCHS / ACAP)

- **Call to Order**

- Candace opened the meeting on May 11, 2017, 4:00 pm
- Identified Barbara Nowak as note taker for meeting

- **Reviewed and Approved Meeting Minutes** from 3/9/2017 SHAB Meeting with no edits

- **Meeting Agenda approved**

- **Old Business and Action Items**

- Health Access Outreach Project Update -- Barbara Nowak presented the Health Access Outreach Project Update -- outreach flyers have been updated and translated into four languages. The information is also posted online; SHAB members reviewed language in End of Year (EOY) Report.
- Food Allergy Guidelines (FAG), JHCF-R2, Review presented by Barbara Nowak. Guidelines have been reviewed and edited. See attached draft copy. Barb is waiting for approval by ACPS administrators to finalize revisions. Julie R. recommended developing communication strategies with parents to inform them of why ACPS chose the approach of universal precautions, which is considered best practices vs. the “information sharing” approach, which can cause a false sense of security.
  - 504 meetings should include reference to JHCF-R2 document to help parents.
  - Members suggested having principals “certify” that their staff would be trained in Anaphylaxis recognition and EpiPen usage.
- ACPS Kindergarten BMI Data Collection and Analysis Update -- presented by Candace Hill -- Alexandria Health Department (AHD) has not completed the BMI report for SHAB review this school year. Candace reported that she would work with AHD and ACPS to figure out a

schedule for completing the report prior to the end of the school year in future years. The latter will allow SHAB to be able to review the results annually. AHD reports that a draft is expected to be completed in mid-June for review and comment.

- SHAB reviewed language in EOY report and recommended that ACPS investigate the feasibility of adding a measure of height and weight to the hearing screening already being provided to all ACPS students in 3rd grade.
- o Regarding concerns submitted about the 2016 summer PE curriculum and implementation as well as practices occurring during PE in the 2016-2017 school year, SHAB requested a response from ACPS.
  - Michael Humphreys presented information to express confidence in the upcoming 2017 summer PE program and explained that some of the factors creating the problems in implementation last summer are no longer an issue.
  - Julie R. asked for the answer to the Title 9 Questions, if boys and girls will be treated fairly? Mike stated that he looked at those questions holistically, preparing answers in summation, and that the teachers are instructed to treat students the same according to best practice. He stated the curriculum does not support separating by gender for most activities, but that some units work better with separation.
  - SHAB members felt the administration concerns were addressed, but did not feel that the specific concerns brought to the committee regarding the PE curriculum's implementation were addressed, specifically how best practices will be communicated to staff in a way that will evoke positive change in the future and what the process for reporting gender equity issues is, and how it can be made more transparent to families.

- **New Business and Reports**

- o School Health Services & WOW Bus Report -- presented by Barbara Nowak. See document attached. OHip and clinic numbers discussed changing from case management to IHP numbers to give a better picture of chronic conditions.
- o Teen Wellness Center (TWC) Services Report - presented by Marilyn Foster for Deborah Bowers -- see document attached.
  - April numbers are down due to Spring break, but review of prior years indicates a similar dip this time of year. Ideas were floated by SHAB members to speak with the communications department about “advertising “ that the TWC will be open during school breaks and summer break.
  - TWC reports large numbers of ELL students coming in for immunizations. The vaccines include those recommendations from CDC as well as those required to be in school.
  - The immunizations given by the TWC have improved how quickly a student can be enrolled in school, e.g., students entering 6th grade have often been delayed in getting back to school due to missing the required vaccinations. School absences are also decreased, as students can remain at school, leaving class for a brief period of time for follow up vaccines.

- Increase usage of Long Term Birth Control (LTBC) has reduced teen pregnancies. Minnie Howard (MH), however, has seen an increase in pregnancies. The TWC is now open at MH one day per week. There is also an Educator giving classes at MH on family planning toward prevention. TWC also provides postpartum care and education for future family planning.
  - TWC looking at changing MOA to include coverage for students ages 10 -22 years. The current coverage is for 12 to 19 years. SHAB members support the request for expanded coverage over the longer age period.
  - TWC reports that the LBGT liaison asked about access for LBGT students to the TWC. Marilyn said she would welcome any recommendations for how to improve outreach to that community.
  - A new partnership for TWC is with the TC Football team -- they're taking two weeks to book visits for sports physicals only. This will ensure that students are able to get their physicals in time to begin their fall sport. TWC will work on developing similar partnerships with other TC teams as well.
  
- Candace reported to members that the Board Clerk notified her that some of the health & wellness policies are currently under review, JHCF, JHCH, and JJAC and their accompanying guidelines. With no future SHAB meetings on the calendar for this school year, a full committee review would be difficult to achieve. Without time for presenting the policies, she asked if members would like to form a subcommittee. No subcommittee formed during the meeting. Members directed to contact Candace if interested.
  
- SHAB reviewed the language of the drafted EOY report and made suggested edits.
  - SHAB members did not feel as if the reported concerns regarding PE curriculum and implementation were fully addressed from ACPS response, and therefore, SHAB review was incomplete.
  - SHAB members expressed concern regarding the metrics on the dashboard for Goal 5. For example, attendance is used as a proxy measure for the health of students, but SHAB members felt that it's widely known that attendance is not accurately measured, e.g., parents often receive calls that their child was absent on days their child is on a field trip; members report that frequently absenteeism is being recorded in error for Satellite students as well.
  - SHAB recommends adding other, more direct measures of health and will add researching what's used in other districts to their scope of work for next year.
  - SHAB members want to include recommendations from SAPCA that were submitted last year by SHAB to the School Board in the End of Year report as they have yet to be included in the policy and implemented. SHAB members feel that the implementation of these recommendations is necessary to address the problems that have been revealed from previous YRBS findings.
  
- SHAB voted to approve the same scope of work from last year with one edit and with the idea that SHAB members may edit the scope when they convene in fall 2017.

- Candace nominated Charles Sumpter for Chair and Mike Suppa for Vice Chair for the 2017-2018 school year. SHAB members voted and approved the nominations. SHAB will plan to meet in September 2017.
- **Communication & Addresses:** Candace acknowledged the hard work of those SHAB members whose terms have ended and thanked them for their service.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 6:03 pm.