

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: February 21, 2019

Location: 411 N. Gibson Street

- I. Tasha Taylor welcomed everyone and asked members to review the minutes of the November SHAC meeting. Becky Scasta motioned to approve as presented, Melissa Bousquet seconded, and the motion carried.

- II. SHAC Reports
 - Melissa Bousquet, District Nurse Coordinator, advised the Council that information from the Center for Disease Control regarding the flu has been shared with all campuses. Staff members were given access to receive a flu shot, if they wanted. She also shared the she is looking into the feasibility of offering flu shots to students, with parent permission, at campuses.
 - Mrs. Bousquet also updated the group on the drug testing program. There have been 0 positives at the junior high level. There have been 1-2 positives per month for marijuana at the high school level.
 - Ryan Kahlden, on behalf of Kam Bridgers, reported on the Campus Share Tables in the cafeterias at all campuses. Unwanted food items from lunch and breakfast can be placed on the table or in the small refrigerator. Child Nutrition employees are educating the school staff on the program. This program is now available due to Health Code changes. Staff members present reported that it has been very successful and no food is going to waste.

- III. Presentations
 - Brian Wood with Dental Quest addressed the group. Dental Quest manages Medicaid dental for Texas. The focus is on community education, teaching children how to care for their teeth and dental health. Dental Quest works with schools and Parent Teacher Organizations to provide information. They can set up information booths as needed.
 - Shari Phillips gave a review on IMPACT Waxahachie. Drug Prevention Resources Inc. is an eighty-four years old organization that oversees the IMPACT groups, and is funded by state and federal grants. IMPACT has been in Waxahachie for ten years. The goal is to reduce substance abuse. They are currently addressing the state legislature to raise the legal tobacco age to 21.
 - Tasha Taylor gave an overview on the work of the REACH Council. REACH is also a prevention agency that provides adult and student education for drug prevention and other areas including bullying, violence, and more. They have been presenting to students in the seventh grade and at the Challenge Academy, not only on prevention but to also build student self-esteem.

- IV. Subcommittee Updates
 - Ginger Robinson reported for the Mental Health subcommittee. There is the need to get past the stigma associated with mental health issues. They are looking at curriculum. Counselors and some nurses have been trained to look for and recognize the signs of issues,

- CATCH subcommittee. The goal is to get everyone trained and on the same page. In house training can be done, beginning with P.E. and cafeteria staff, then expanding to the rest of staff.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20.