

# SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: January 14, 2021

Location: via Zoom

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## I. Lunch

## II. Welcome

- Shari Phillips welcomed everyone
- Motion to approve minutes from the September 17, 2020 meeting was given by Lee Auvenshine with Sandy Faussett seconding, and passed unanimously.
- Introduction of new members/guests: Anthony Nevels and Michele Turman both with REACH Council and heading the Youth Recovery Communities Program

## III. SHAC Updates

- REACH Update
  - October 2020 – Waxahachie Drug Take Back event held and had the largest collection since event inception in 2012 – 664 pounds collected for Waxahachie and 1783 pounds within Ellis County.
  - Red Ribbon Week – was done virtually for the 2020-21 school year – REACH Council provided over 7,000 Red Ribbon Week bracelets to WISD campuses – also provided a video resource library with Red Ribbon Week presentations for grades K-12 with over 20 videos covering 9 different topics – 13 WISD campuses opted in and had access to the videos – had a great response and lots of views of the videos.
- WISD Counseling Updates
  - New Counseling Dept. page on WISDs website – gives all services offered as well as a community resource page that is updated regularly – has all kinds of tools including a virtual calming corner which will allow you to have soothing sounds and music as well as meditation tools.
  - The mental health counselor from Next Step Community Solutions is at WHS full time and seeing students 5 days per week – appointments tend to get full on a regular basis – looking to put in additional counselors at Global, High School of Choice as well as the junior highs.
- WISD Security Update
  - New DIR-S program was rolled out in January 2020 to all campuses and is currently 90% up and running – program is an app that is being put on teacher computers and they can put it on their cell phones if wanted which will let you know of emergency situations in real time – a communication piece between campus personnel, administrators, and emergency personnel.

- Nurse Coordinator Update
  - Update on COVID – Dec. 18 – Jan. 7 we saw 148 new cases – district currently has more positive students than staff but that tends to go back and forth – continuing with 14-day quarantine process – students are continuing to do their education virtually if quarantined or test positive
- Random Drug Testing Policy
  - 2 tests have been administered so far at both the high school and junior high levels – 4 positives have been found out of both tests and all were at WHS – December’s test cancelled due to COVID with the next testing to take place in February – still no positives at the junior high level
    - Question on whether or not to cut back on junior high testing since there have been no positives as well as to cut back to a 5 panel test instead of a 10 panel due to no positives on the additional 5 panels

#### IV. SHAC Presentation

- Youth Recovery Communities Program – REACH Council received a grant to be able to do program which provides recovery support for youth ages 13-21 by engaging and connecting youth with supportive peers and local community organizations
- Program good for youth exhibiting anti-social behavior, a background in the juvenile justice system, is currently or has risk of substance abuse, experiencing loss or grief, etc. within Johnson and Ellis counties
- Offers support up to age 21 as long as there is active engagement from the youth as well as volunteer opportunities for the youth after they complete their services.
- Not to be confused with a drop-in center, a drug testing location, treatment facility, or a discipline tool for substance use.
- Ginger Robinson asks that all WISD student referrals for the program go through the campus counselors.

#### V. SHAC Sub Committees

- School Coordinated Health Program – research has been done on the 3 programs TEA mandates to use – currently using the CATCH program – subcommittee will meet and review the programs to choose from and bring additional information and options to the meeting in April
- Wellness Program – we are going to start with the existing policy and see what updates and recommendations TASB has made and incorporate into that policy – goal is to bring policy to meeting in April to get approval – it has to be submitted by June 30.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Auvenshine at 12:55 p.m. and seconded by Ryan Kahlden, and passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2021.