

School Health Advisory Council

November 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Minutes

Welcome- Linda Langston

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Announcement – All SHAC meetings will be recorded and the recording will be posted on the AISD website with written minutes.

Members in attendance were Teresa Bentle, Olga Chavana, Jamie Moss, Steven Pracht, Diane Russell, Linda Langston, Carol Sanderson, Mandy Shuman, Misty Harrison, Bruce Crook and Aubri Ward. Two non-SHAC guests attended, Cindy Frazier and Alicia Barton, both with Abilene Recovery Council.

SHAC Officers – Election

Chairman- Linda Langston

Co-Chair- Mandy Shuman

Mandy Shuman made a motion to elect Teresa Bentle as Secretary. Seconded by Diane Russell.

Ayes –all; Opposed-none – motion passed.

Secretary- Teresa Bentle

Approval of minutes from September 27, 2021-

Written copies of the minutes from the September 27, 2021 meeting were shared for review. Diane Russell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mandy Shuman seconded the motion.

Ayes-all; Opposed-none – motion passed.

Update on Wellness and Sexual Health Program-

Carol Sanderson shared an update to the Wellness and Sexual Health program, which will now be referred to as Wellness and Human Sexuality. Lessons will be delivered over a period of six weeks with each middle school campus receiving identical weekly lessons. Lessons will be delivered at Craig on Mondays, Clack on Tuesdays, Madison on Wednesdays, and Mann on Thursdays. The district will utilize one male and one female teacher and are still in search of a female teacher.

Curriculum is Wellness and Human Sexuality (formerly Worth the Wait) provided by Baylor, Scott, & White. HB 1525 requires a parent's signature in order to opt their child IN to receiving the lesson. Those that do not return a form and those that opt out of participating will instead participate in the Social, Emotional Learning lesson. Tentative start date will be February 7 and run through March 24. Dr. Munoz and Dr. Garduno are preparing the letter that will go out to parents. No response is categorized as a NO, unable to participate. Carol will check on credentials required to teach the course.

Our Worth the Wait curriculum is from 2011 and we are needing to possibly update the curriculum. The author of the curriculum is no longer part of the program at Baylor, Scott, & White. There was an update to the Baylor, Scott, & White 7th grade curriculum so we might be looking into it next year. AISD is required to offer the parent the opportunity to purchase the curriculum but Linda was unable to locate a copy of the program we use that could be offered for purchase.

Abilene Recovery Council (ARC) introduction by Mandy Schuman

Prevention Resource Center (PRC) of Abilene Recovery Council – Cindy Frazier, Data Coordinator. Three staff with PRC:

*Tobacco Compliance Coordinator- Sandra visits every tobacco retailer in the 30 county area served by ARC and provides educational resources and checks for compliance.

* Public Relations Coordinator – Jacq Jones gathers resources and training information from throughout state and makes it available locally.

*Data Coordinator – 11 coordinators from across the state. Data coordinators collect data for a Regional Needs Assessment and meet with local officials and law enforcement to discuss challenges in each community. Regional Needs Assessment is available digitally or hard copy.

Presentations are available on a variety of topics from data gathered for the RNA. The PRC has collaborated with Drug Emporium for a Drug Drop Box (proper drug disposal) and with TTUHSC and their Drug Take Back days.

PRC is also recruiting schools for the Texas Schools Survey. The survey anonymously asks students about their drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and the information is available for grant writing, district information, and parent information. Schools are given a stipend for participating.

Youth Prevention Program (YP) -Alicia Barton, Director

Program covers 14 of the 30 counties served by ARC, mostly rural counties. This contract year Taylor County was added to the program.

*Staff- Alicia Barton, Rebecca Woodard, Rebecca Fulmer

All services are free of charge. Curriculum is Positive Action (you do good, you feel good). Offered from 1st through 12th grade but usually focus on 2nd to 9th grade. This evidence-based curriculum is approved and promoted by TEA and listed as a best practice for mental health and early prevention and intervention. Presentations on a variety of topics are available.

Taylor Alliance for Prevention (TAP) – Mandy Shuman, Coalition Coordinator

Primary target of coalition is underage substance use and misuse and is designed to reduce youth access to alcohol, substances, and to educate and bring awareness to our community. Meetings are currently virtual.

Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition – Mandy Shuman, Education Working committee.

January is Human Trafficking awareness month. Her committee is tasked with sharing information with ASID students and staff. Will have Regional Victim Crisis Center staff present at the next SHAC meeting.

Future SHAC agenda items – Human Trafficking, Food and Nutrition

Other Topics discussed this meeting- AISD's partnership with TTUHSC for onsite telehealth visits with a mental health professional. 15 children have received sessions. Texas Tech guidelines state that a parent/guardian is (sometimes) required to attend which is often an obstacle to receiving services.

Meeting Adjourned by Linda Langston at 6:48 pm