



AGENDA

Superintendent's Health Advisory Council Wednesday, September 20, 2023 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Welcome and introductions

Dr. Kim Moore

Organizational Tenets

Dr. Kim Moore

Vision for student experience: I am connected, I am engaged, I am supported, & I am achieving
Core Values: Belonging, Learning, Continuous Improvement, & Joy

Mission: In partnership with our community, we empower students to discover their potential

Foundation: Community & Family Engagement, Teaching & Learning, Culture & Climate, Human Capital, Finance & Operations

Review of minutes from last meeting

Dawn MacAdams

Use of Lifesaving Medications

Dawn MacAdams

Policy JLCDB - Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (Life-saving medications). SC has expanded language to "life-saving medications" in the law. The life-saving medications will include epinephrine auto injectors, Narcan, and asthma rescue inhalers. The law is written broadly to allow for additional life saving medications in the future. DHEC has a grant that will cover the cost of 4 doses of Narcan per school. Richland Two is seeking input from HAC to provide guidance to the School Board. The draft policy has been presented to PAC and did address a few concerns. HAC has shared this is a "no-brainer" and overwhelmingly supports Narcan. The intranasal Narcan will be stored in locations that can be accessed after hours, for trained first responders. BioRidge Pharmaceuticals continues to support the EpiPens4Schools program. They provide Epi-Pens to all eligible schools. They replace expiring EpiPens and provide replacement EpiPens to replace doses that are used. Richland Two has already administered Five (5) EpiPens this school year. BioRidge Pharma no longer provides additional EpiPens to give to the athletic trainers. Dawn has tried to work with local pharmacies to purchase an EpiPen or generic epinephrine auto injector for athletic trainers using athletic funds. Pharmacists do not know how to dispense an epinephrine injector for a district, not an individual. Dawn has tried a few independent pharmacies. Dr. Greenhouse suggested trying Landy's on Sparkleberry.

Amsterdam Concussion Guidelines

Dawn MacAdams

Normally we have a full-time Athletic Trainer at each high school - RNE & SVHS don't have an athletic trainer right now so we are being fully supported by Prisma. Nurse & Athletic Trainers work with student athletes for the Return to Play & Return to Learn. Nurses address non-athlete students for education & Return to Play and consult with AT's as needed

Return to Learn - Consult the REAP Manual, evaluate symptoms daily and notify staff about needed accommodations, e.g. shortened assignments, extra time for assignment, elevator pass to limit exertion.

Return to Play - Can't go to Step 4 until they have physician clearance - this is the major change

Athletics and COVID**Dawn MacAdams**

SC High School Leagues leaves guidance up to individual districts. Richland Two continuing with previous guidelines- student had symptoms during COVID = 2 day return to play, Asymptomatic COVID = 1 day return to play

Dr. Greenhouse & Dr. Dubose - recommending that student athletes don't RTP until day 12 (5 days of isolation & 5 days with a mask and then 2 days after that). Dawn will follow up with Cleveland Smith and Athletic directors.

LifeVac**Dawn MacAdams**

Haven't seen specific guidelines for use of Life Vac. Hasn't received FDA approval. First line should always be high quality BLS and not rely on a device. This is not the time to put them in our schools. We can revisit it in the future if it gets FDA approval and research based evidence from the American Heart Association as an intervention, American Academy of Pediatrics, etc.

Attendance**Abby Cobb**

Abby Cobb spoke about our focus on attendance. The guidelines are not new. They come from the 1974 Compulsory Attendance Law. Students must have a set number of hours to achieve "seat time" per class. Students must have a passing grade AND seat time to receive a Carnegie unit or "credit" for the class. Students are permitted to have up to ten absences per year long class and still meet seat time. A semester long class can only have five absences and still meet seat time.

Abby and Dr. Moore worked hard on updated messaging. We want students who are sick to stay home. We will work with students and families to make up seat time. There are a variety of ways to make up seat time. We will also work with students who have orthodontist appointments , counseling appointments, etc. Parents should try to schedule appointments while alternating the class the student will miss, e.g. we don't want them to always miss 1st period which is math.

A student is considered chronically absent when they miss 10% of the school year, which is just 18 school days. Richland Two has an overall chronic absenteeism rate of 20% , which is 1 in 5 students. One school has a chronic absentee rate of 40%. Students need to be in school and in their seats.

Member Input & Questions

Dr. Greenhouse brought up the form that needs to be signed to allow students to carry their own inhaler/epi-pen states that the doctor is "verifying" that the student has the ability to self-administer. Many times parents aren't aware that the doctors are going to request to come in and "show" that they can self-administer. Dawn will work on the messaging in Richland Two and will share this concern with Vicky Ladd. Update- the forms are based on state statute for IHP's and cannot be altered for nurses to verify student competency.

Dr. Barno- Brickyard Dental - Brickyard Dental has added a few more providers and are running a campaign in October to see patients for a free dental exam and an x-ray. Both children and adults are welcome. Their office will then work with area providers to refer for treatment. Brickyard Dental does not accept Medicaid at this time. Will see 3 year old and older.

Closure**Dr. Kim Moore****Respectfully Submitted****Dawn MacAdams, MSN, RN, NCSN**