

DAISY 4/19/2019

Members Present: Dawn Smith, Dr. Ben Thigpen, Caroline Collier, Julie Johnston, Lisa Jones, Cary Powers, Heather Best, Lance Turner, Bobby Mobley, Beth Lanier, Susan Thigpen, Reynell Chasten

Dr. Ben Thigpen welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of president Bridgett Huffman.

Minutes from the 2/12/2019 were approved.

Mr. Rigoberto Castellanos, Public Health Educator 1, DC Health Dept.

1. Presented a presentation to three health classes in James Kenan High School. 51 students were in attendance. A lot of students were informed of the dangers of vaping. Shown the different kind of vapes that have been created over the years. Majority of the students knew of the devices, the teachers were not aware of many. Presentation went very well.
2. A plan is to create awareness of vaping at the other high schools. Was told that middle schools is may be more receptive to creating awareness.
3. Melissa Reese is partnering up with me in joining the schools to promote awareness on the dangers of vaping. Melissa Reese is the representative for Eastpointe and Head of the Duplin County Substance Abuse Coalition. If anyone is interested in attending the Duplin County Substance Abuse Coalition please email Melissa Reese at mreese@eastpointe.net
4. Have been in contact with Dr. Obasahon, Dr. Kea, and Dr. Thigpen about vaping in schools. All are in agreement.
5. Surgeon General of the United States has declared that vaping is becoming an epidemic across the country among our youth.

Success Story

Michael Holton principal of JKHS and Wendy Lanier P.E. Teacher allowed me to present a presentation. The James Kenan vaping presentation was a successful and there was 51 students in attendance for the presentation. The students all learned something with open questions being asked during the presentations. Question asked was is it safer than cigarettes? Answer is no. Some students in the class knew this, but others did not. It clearly shows that there is a lot of miscommunication to the students about vaping. Many thought it was harmless. They also said that it was a better alternative than smoking as that is what they have been hearing from their peers.

Also, the students state that vape pens were being made available to them by other students who are 18 or older. During the presentation it was made known that students who are 18 and buy tobacco products to children underage are breaking the law. Many were not aware of the fines and consequences of breaking the law could affect their future. It was explained to the students that this could follow them for the rest of their lives and possibly affect them from gaining entrance into college or any other jobs.

Many students also stated that they have seen other student's vape on various parts of school campus. This caused more discussion to arise on vaping. Teachers not knowing what to look for. The students knew where there was vape stores in all around the county. Some knew the dangers of vaping, while others did not. The presentation also stated some of the chemicals in vaping products were not as much as the chemicals in cigarettes but still brought the same health risks of tobacco. The many different types of vape devices were shown to the students and many had seen the different types. Many faculty staff were not aware of how different the devices have become overtime.

Mr. Cary Powers, Duplin County Schools

MATCH Wellness program will be presented to the Bd of Education for approval at the next board meeting. A school-based wellness program meeting both education and public health goals. • Empowers 7th grade students to make healthy choices for eating and physical activity. • Interdisciplinary lessons and activities taught in Healthful Living, Science, Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies allow the program to be integrated into the existing school day. Grant valued at \$5000 per school for professional development and materials. Also includes a \$5000 early adopter bonus.

Principals have signed the MOU for the First Tee Program - Creates a safe introduction to golf for today's students and teachers, ensures that golf education meets the same national standards developed by the Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE), helps students build character and confidence through the positive personal and social values associated with the game, engages students in daily lesson activities that lead to development of basic golf motor skills, and shows students that golf can be a great lifelong recreation and health-enhancing activity. The First Tee National School Program provides physical educators with everything they need to get started and the curriculum lesson plans integrate basic golf motor skills, core values and healthy habits. Equipment will be provided by a grant and is valued at \$3500 per school.

Heather Best, DCS PE Teacher

Gave an overview of the OPEN program for Physical Education. She explained that the OPEN Curriculum in an online physical education network that everyone can access. This program is sports centered and lines up with the National Standards for Physical Education. K-8 PE teachers have been trained and the High School teachers have training on the 17th of April.

Mrs. Best also explained that DCS would be receiving 250 bike helmets for our bike program and reflective safety gear for walking for all 8 elementary schools. We have received from North Carolina Healthy Schools the Healthy Active Children Policy Report 2018. Dr. Thigpen explained that the report was very lengthy and would email the report to the Committee for them to look over and have discussion at the next DAISY meeting if needed.

Agency Sharing

Caroline Callier, MPH, Project Liaison, ECU Brody School of Medicine; Healthier Lives at School and Beyond.

We have been serving seven schools, - BES, WALE, WARE, ND, BFG, RHM and NDJr/Sr. We are currently expanding into all the remaining schools in Duplin County except the early college. We will also be placing a unit with Bonnie Johnson and the DC Health Dept.

We continue to offer all services (acute minor medical, behavioral health, and nutrition) to students, faculty, and staff at each participating school. Nutrition and behavioral health services remain at no cost to the recipient while acute medical services provided by our partners, Health-e-Schools, are billed to insurance. The same holds true for faculty and staff. To date, we've completed nearly 300 visits!

Julie Johnstone joined our team on March 18th and will be providing nutrition education and counseling to students, faculty, and staff at participating schools.

Sue Ellen Cottle, Lead Nurse for DCS

April vision and hearing numbers are as follows:

vision total # 2608

referred# 289

secured # 192

66%

Hearing total# 2949

referred # 62

secured # 39

63%

We have completed kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year on March 22.

For the past year we have had 6 schools with telemedicine in the nurse's office and now we have just received equipment for all our schools to have telemedicine. We are in the process of doing test runs and making sure all is good for the upcoming school year. We will be doing some students for the rest of the school year but will not be sending consent letters home to every student until next school year.

Reynell Chasten, Guidance for DCS

Ms. Chasten thanked whoever made it possible for the Lost and Found professional Development that was provided for the Guidance, Social Workers and Nurses of DCS.

Bobby Mobley, Director of Transportation for DCS

Mr. Mobley introduced himself to the DAISY Committee.

Susan Thigpen, Dept. of Social Services,

Mrs. Thigpen introduced herself to the DAISY Committee and stated that she had served a few years back and was glad that she could be apart of the committee again. She shared that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Department of Social Services had placed posters throughout the county announcing the Awareness Walk for Child Abuse on the 16th of April and on the Duplin County Government Facebook page.

Meeting was adjourned and the next meeting time will May 14th at Carolina BBQ.