

DAISY 2/14/2017

Members Present: Bonnie Johnson, Sue Sloan, Heather Best, Bridgett W. Jones, Karen Levings, Maria Romero, Thom Fife, Lisa Jones, Danna Westerbeek, Christy Lanier, Ben Thigpen, Bridgett Huffman, Nicole Swinson, Alice Bland, Sydney Johnson, Ben Sautter & Dawn Smith

Welcome - Edie Barfield was not able to attend so Dr. Ben Thigpen open the DAISY meeting and welcomed the committee members that were present.

Dr. Ben Thigpen, Assistant Superintendent for DCS shared with the committee the following agenda items:

Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries. The “Feed Our Hungry Children” report was for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Dr. Thigpen noted that the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministry had provided 2,925 food packs for the Wallace Rose Hill High, Rose Hill-Mag, Charity Middle, Wallace Elem., Chinquapin Elem., Beulaville Elem., & B. F. Grady schools. He also noted that they currently have a bank balance of \$17182.00 and they had received gifts totaling \$26,241 from local organizations.

NC Carolina Healthy School Site Visit - Duplin Schools will receive a Healthy Schools site visit on March 14, 2017. This visit will include conversation that will include nutrition, physical fitness, review of our 2015-16 action plan and discuss the plans for 2016-17.

NC Statewide Shac Meeting will be held in Greensboro on April 3rd. Dr. Thigpen will be attending this meeting. There is room for one or two others to attend. If interested please contact Dr. Thigpen or Dawn Smith.

North Carolina State BOE Resolution Establishing a Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Framework. Dr. Thigpen express how thankful he was that the State BOE has established this resolution and that it lined up with what Duplin County Schools had already established a couple of year ago.

North Carolina Healthy Schools newsletter was provided for all committee members.

Bridgett Huffman and Sydney Johnson, representatives from Cooperative Extension

Duplin Grows Event and the Speedway to Healthy exhibit will be available at the Duplin Event Center on March 8-9, 2017. Speedway to Health is a 1,200 sq. foot exhibit that takes students K-5 through a replica of the body, where they learn how the food they eat is digested and used by various organs. We are combining this exhibit with our Duplin Grows event and will be bussing in all of the 2nd grade classes in the county. It will also be opened up to after school programs, homeschool children, and the public on Wednesday, March 8th. The only way to pull this exhibit off is with volunteers. I am asking that you share this information with anyone who may be interested in volunteering- high school students, PTO's, co-workers.. really please share with anyone! I have included a recruitment letter and sign-up sheet below. Speedway to Healthy will be held on Tuesday, March 7th (exhibit set-up), Wednesday, March 8th from 8:30-5pm, and Thursday, March 9th from 8:30-2:30. Please give me a call at 296-2143 or email me if you have any questions.

Sue Sloan, Duplin Schools Child Nutrition Department reported that effective February 1, 2017, school meals will be provided at no cost to all students in Duplin County Schools! Every child will be able to receive a complete breakfast and lunch at no cost each day, regardless of their household income. Duplin County Schools is now eligible to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, in large part because of the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Duplin County Schools has been approved for participation in this program through June 30, 2016, and dependent upon U.S. Congressional Action, will be approved to participate in this program through June 2021! What does this mean for our students, families, and school staff? This means that for the remainder of this school year, no household application will be required for students to receive meals at no cost, and if federal approval is granted, no meal applications will be required until school year 2021-2022!

Nichole Swinson, Duplin County 4H Representative, reported that she had currently reached 1500 students by teaching the 5Net program in 7 of the Duplin County Schools.

Lisa Jones, DCS Health Teacher, reported that Advocates for Youth and NC DPI are asking for assistance from health teachers to watch the ***Answering Difficult Questions from Adolescents about Sexual Health*** online module. This is an online module about ***Answering Difficult Questions from Adolescents about Sexual Health***. It also has a survey and comments about how to improve it ,so that it would be helpful to teachers.

Thom Fife, Vidant Foundation, reported the the Community Benefits Grants program is in the beginning stages and they already have a grant request from Duplin County Schools by nurse Marla Whaley. He also mention the Blue, Brew & Que 2017 event that will be held on on March 31st and April 1st at the Duplin Event Center. This event would include a BBQ Cookoff, NC Microbreweries and Duplin County Wineries along with Bluegrass Bands from North Carolina.

Maria Romero, Duplin Co. Health Dept. reported that NC MED ASSIST would be coming to Duplin Event Center again this year on April 20th from 9-2 to distribute free OTC meds and much more. This event is sponsored through Vidant Duplin Hospital and NC Med Assist and made possible by the funding from the Vidant Duplin Community Benefits Grant.

Bonnie Johnson, Public Health Dental Update:

- Dental screening is almost complete, BF Grady and Rose Hill Magnolia are the 2 remaining schools
- the decay rates are highest at Wallace Elem (14%) and Chinquapin (13%), follow ups on referrals are being done to coincide with the calendar for the mobile dentists visits, nurses have been phenomenal in assisting with getting permission forms for kids that have been referred
- dental sealant projects will continue, the goal is to reduce the Medicaid cost of having it done in private practice and to increase the number of sealants on kids that are uninsured; the

project at Wallace Elem alone saved 5788.16 in Medicaid dollars, the Public Health program does all of the services for free

- the Oral Health program within Public Health is expanding into other demographics, this used to be a school based program but now encompasses early childhood, school aged, all adults with a focus on pregnant women and seniors; we are also expanding into populations that tend to go unserved, migrant, Indian, Huong.....

- referencing the savings of Medicaid dollars, Duplin County has a very high number of kids with stainless steel crowns, the dentist is reimbursed 137.15 by Medicaid for EACH stainless steel crown that is placed, during dental screening, notations have been made as to the cost in Duplin County alone, there is over \$100,000 in stainless steel crowns just in the Pk-1 population that has been screened so far

- prevention of dental decay in children has to be a priority, pediatric offices and the health departments are being reminded to do the fluoride varnish at well child check ups and the mouth rinse program is continuing in all elementary schools, education is being done in elementary and middle schools

- it has been found that there is great benefit to having a dental screening in PK, this is in addition to the dental exam that they must have to enter PK; a lot of parents do the initial exam but do not go back for the treatment that is needed

- February 22nd will be the first Oral Health Alliance meeting for region 8, which includes Sampson, Duplin, Onslow, Brunswick, Bladen, New Hanover, Pender and Columbus; the goal of this Alliance is to improve oral health for all residents by improving access to care, increased education and awareness of the need for improvement; updates will be reported at next DAISY meeting

Karen Levings, DCS Social Worker reported that the Backpack Buddy Program is growing and doing well. She also stated that the Social Workers are currently working on the Summer Enrichment Program for DCS McKinney Vento population.

Bridgett White Jones, DCS Nurse reported on the following for DCS

Vision Screening - 2526 children screened, 326 referred for care and 202 secured care.

Hearing Screening - 2719 children screened, 101 referred for care and 33 secured care.

Completed 2nd round of rescreens.

Duplin County Staff have the opportunity to be screened for Diabetes, Cholesterol and blood pressure checks through the month of March.

Smiles Across America Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting our DCS.

DCS nurses have applied for a grant through Vidant Duplin Foundation to help with the funding of a **Sure Sight** for visual screening. This equipment would help with detecting fail and pass eye exams.

The "Healthier Lives at School and Beyond" is a telehealth project among Duplin County Schools, East Carolina University, and Goshen Medical Center, which will pilot medical carts at Beulaville Elementary School, Warsaw Elementary School, and Wallace Elementary School. Telehealth uses computers and medical equipment connected to the Internet to deliver virtual medical and health services. In the western part of NC and other states, telehealth has helped

to reduce the number of student absences from school and parent absences from work. The same is expected to be true in Duplin.

When a student visits the school nurse's office with an earache, cough or other minor ailment, the nurse currently has to call a parent to pick up the child and take them to a doctor's office. This project will enable the school nurse to schedule for the child an appointment to be seen that day by a physician via the telehealth unit.

Each unit is equipped with stethoscope, otoscope, blood pressure monitor, etc. During the telehealth visit, the school nurse will actually use the equipment. For example, a child complaining of an earache would have the otoscope placed in his ear by the school nurse, enabling the physician who is at a remote site to see inside the ear. Upon examination, the physician could then prescribe medication, etc. as needed. The parent will be responsible for filling the prescription.

Parents will be required to sign up students in advance in order for the student to be seen and for Goshen to appropriately bill private insurance, Medicaid or the parent, etc. If a student is in need of care and has not been signed up, the parent can come to school before the visit and take care of the necessary paperwork.

The overall goal of the project is to provide on-site health care for illnesses such as ear and respiratory infections and to help treat and prevent Asthma, Obesity/Diabetes Risk, Diabetes, Behavioral and Oral Health concerns and more.

Telehealth care will be available at the three pilot schools, which were determined based on school nurse data and personnel. The first unit will be placed at Wallace Elementary School, with the other two in the pilot shortly to follow. It is the hope of all involved that this will be very successful and more funding can be obtained to place units at other schools.

March is Dental Month

Kindergarten registration is March 17th

Christie Lanier, Vocational Rehab - stated that all programs and funding is still available.

Alice Bland, Family Specialist and Site Manager for PreK stated that Pre K registration is also on March 17th.

Dr. Ben Thigpen stated that the next meeting will be March 14th and we would be electing new DAISY officers on that date.