

## **DAISY 12/13/2016 MEETING**

**Members attending:** Dawn Smith, Edie Barfield, Karen Levings, Danna Westerbeek, Heather Best, Lisa Jones, Maria Romero, Sue Ellen Cottle, Karen House, & Megan Holland

**Welcome-**Edie Barfield welcomed everyone to the first DAISY meeting of the school year.

**Minutes** from the May 10, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Bridget Huffman, a representative from Cooperative Extension** was listed on the agenda, but could not attend today's meeting. Hopefully, she will be able to attend the next meeting in February.

**Dr. Ben Thigpen** was also listed on the agenda for today's meeting as well, but was not able to attend. Edie Barfield presented agenda items from Dr. Thigpen.

**Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries Report** – Edie Barfield shared a report from Turner Rivenbark, representative of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministry. The “Feed Our Hungry Children” Report was for the period July 1, 2016- September 30, 2016. The ministry comprised mostly of churches and organizations from the Wallace and East Duplin districts are providing about 200 “backpack buddy” food packs each week to the following 7 schools:

Wallace Rose Hill High School  
Rose Hill Magnolia Elementary  
Charity Middle School  
Wallace Elementary School  
Chinquapin Elementary  
Beulaville Elementary  
BF Grady Elementary

Mrs. Barfield indicated that this is a tremendous undertaking, benefit, and blessing for the students and families served by this program. The report indicates that there is also funding in the amount of \$3,500 for a 2017 summer food program to benefit the same service area.

Mrs. Barfield also advised the group that the other schools in the district not listed also have backpack buddy programs in place with support from various ministerial alliances and collaborations in their district. Danna Westerbeek reported that the Warsaw churches do this program for the JK district. Heather Best also reported that Faison Methodist also hosted a summer food program for students in the ND district.

**MATCH Wellness-** a brief introduction was given by Edie Barfield. The DCS school nurses were visited by Tim Hardison, program director who described his program. MATCH stands for Motivating Adolescents with Technology to CHOOSE Health. The program is a school wellness program designed to be delivered to 7th graders by health and PE teachers and also includes a workbook and staff development for instructors. Mr. Hardison is signing up interested school districts now for roll out in the Fall of next school year. Dr. Thigpen and middle school curriculum will be involved in determining if DCS could implement for next year. We will table this item until the next meeting for an update.

**YRBS State Data-** is now available online at [www.nhealthyschools.org/data/yrbs](http://www.nhealthyschools.org/data/yrbs). Results are listed by county. Several of our schools participated in the 2015 survey. This information may provide data on what health and or safety issues that may need attention. This information is helpful in determining programming, educational, and instructional focus for students. Please access this report for your review and input.

**Healthy Schools Visit** - is scheduled for Jan 11, 2017. Suzanne Schmal from DPI will be visiting with DCS to determine where we are on our goals and objectives for this 3 year plan.

**Agency Sharing:**

**Mental Health KIOSK- Maria Romero, Duplin County Health Services-** reported that Eastpointe had placed a Mental Health KIOSK on site at the health department through grant funding. Use of the KIOSK is free and confidential. The KIOSK provides resources on mental health topics.

**Project Lazarus – Maria Romero, Duplin County Health Services-**reported on opioid overdose reversal drug kits, which are now available for distribution at the health department. This project is a statewide initiative that is being implemented to save the lives of people who have had an overdose to opioid drugs. These kits are free and made available to family or friends of people known to use this kind of drug. The kit contains narcan, which reverses the effects of opioids. Maria reported that neighboring New Hanover County is now leading the nation for opioid abuse and overdose. Both Sampson and Wayne county are seeing increased problems with this overdoses from opioids as well. There is no cost for the kits and they help to resuscitation victims and buys time (similar to epi-pens) until EMS can get to the scene. Law enforcement also has the kits in place. No legal action is taken against anyone who obtains a kit. Project Lazarus is meant to help save lives .

**Karen Levings, SW Duplin County Schools-**reported that the school social workers are busy at securing Christmas aid to at risk and needy students and

families throughout the district. Various community organizations and businesses reach out to us during this time to help our students and families. Eastern Baptist Association offers a toy store and other faith based organizations adopt and sponsor children at Christmastime. Connecting families and children to community resources is always rewarding. A free toy giveaway is being held this Friday, December 16th from 5 to 8 pm for children under 12 at the National Guard/American Legion Building in Wallace.

**Sue Ellen Cottle- Lead School Nurse-** The DCS vision and hearing screenings for targeted grade levels are now completed. So far 2,479 students have been screened for vision acuity with 277 students referred for professional eye care. At this time 82 of 277 or (30%) of those referred have secured this care. School nurses are continuing to monitor and work with parents to secure care. The goal is to have at least a 90% or better secured care rate.

There have been 2,187 hearing screenings with 66 referrals and 4 secured cares. Mike Carpenter, educational audiologist is involved with hearing referrals.

The Poe Center in Raleigh came in and completed Puberty education for 5th graders county wide. Vidant Duplin will be coming in February to complete cholesterol and blood pressure screenings for interested staff members.

Telemedicine will hopefully begin in January 2017. All the equipment has been ordered for BES, WARE and WALE. Equipment has been ordered, but has not arrived and may delay the start up of that program. Goshen Medical is partnering with Duplin County Schools and will be providing mid-level providers to complete telemedicine visits.

DCS has implemented a Return to Learn policy and procedures in response to a new state regulation. We have had a Return to Play protocol through athletics for some time and the new part of this rule is geared to addressing and accommodating the needs of students suffering from a head injury/concussion in the classroom setting and during the school day. The requirements of the policy involves a required form to be completed by the student's healthcare provider before returning to school. Some parents have been upset, because they do not understand the new policy. We have been educating our faculty and staff about Return to Learn.

The CFST Program (Child and Family Support Teams) monitoring is not longer in place. No staff changes for nurses and social workers have occurred; however, data collection and reporting regarding CFST services at the state level has now concluded. All former CFST schools continue to have a nurse and a social worker on staff working in a team to meet student needs.

**Karen House-Duplin County School Transportation** – Reported that a recent audit of transportation services has been completed with a rating of 100% . Safely transporting children to and from school is a priority.

**Lisa Jones-Health & PE teacher**– indicated that a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Making Proud Choices curriculum has been set to discuss program implementation and materials to be used. Some conflict has existed among instructors regarding condom application demonstrations. Ms. Jones indicated that this had been removed from the program, but there may be a need to revisit this decision because of STD rates and pregnancy stats for Duplin County.

**Megan Holland, Vocational Rehab.** – all programs are still available. Only students 16 and older are eligible. Currently referral numbers are low and there is room for new applicants. High schools may contact Ms. Holland for more information and for assistance in determining eligibility and services which may be available.

**Edie Barfield-Election of DAISY officers-** It is time to hold elections for DAISY officers. Edie Barfield will be stepping down from her role as president and encouraged the membership to consider serving in this capacity. Rotating leadership offers others the opportunity to contribute fresh ideas on school health advisory topics. Those interested in serving as an officer or know someone who would be a good advocate for the school health advisory committee can contact Dawn Smith or Dr. Thigpen.. This committee will meet again in February to identify a slate of officers and elections will be held at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Dawn Smith-DCS Support Services-**indicated that the remaining meeting dates and times are posted on the DCS website for reference. The next meeting will be 2/14/2017 at the BOE Large Conference Room.

Minutes Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Smith