

D.A.I.S.Y Meeting Feb. 9, 2016

Attendees: Sue Ellen Cottle, Kim Ramsey, Ben Thigpen, Edie Barfield, Lisa Jones, Sue Sloan, Bonnie Johnson, Karen House, Maria Romero, Jasmine Williams, Beth Lanier, Christy Lanier, Tom Fife, Heather Best, Janetha Matthews, Karen Pachew, Bridget Huffman, Alice Bland, Dawn Smith & Shannon Smith

Edie Barfield welcomed everyone to the February 2016 D.A.I.S.Y. meeting.

Minutes from the December 8, 2015 were read and accepted with one correction to be made.

NC Teen Pregnancy Report

Dr. Ben Thigpen presented the NC Teen Pregnancy Report to the committee. While the statistics for the state seemed to show improvement, Duplin County stats continue to be troubling.

Edie Barfield gave the following information on Teen Pregnancy in Duplin County based on ages 15-19 per every 1000 females.

- Duplin County saw a 9% increase in the teen pregnancy rate from 2013 to 2014
- In 2013, Duplin County was ranked number 40 in the state. Current data indicates that Duplin County has moved up on the county rankings from 40 to 24.
- STD's in Duplin County (gonorrhea and chlamydia) are higher than the NC State average which is an indication that the target age group (15-19) is trending up and remaining sexually activity.
- Additionally, the Teen Pregnancy Report indicated by the time students graduate, 70% of high school students report they have had sex and few report use of condoms.
- Neighboring counties such as Onslow & Lenoir also have higher than state average teen pregnancies rates an STD rates

It was suggested that this information should be shared with the Health & PE Teachers who teach Reproductive Health & Safety Education information.. Lisa Jones, a Health & PE teacher from Chinquapin Elementary indicated that Duplin County Schools has made some changes to the curriculum and that hopefully we will see some results from this action in teen behaviors and future stats.

Maria Romero, a nurse from the Health Department, stated that the case management program at the health department designed to help this same population is not getting referrals for this age group. She also indicated that there continues to be a trend that teen mothers often will have a 2nd pregnancy

Feed Our Hungry Children Report

Dr. Ben Thigpen presented the Feed Our Hungry Children Report for the 2015-16 School Year report period of 7/1/2015-12/31/2015.

Prevention Partners

Dr. Ben Thigpen mention that Chinquapin Elementary School was chosen to participate in the Learn Healthy America Partnership.

DAISY Logo

Dr. Ben Thigpen reported that the Logo has been given to the journalism class at EDH and that they were working on the project and should be completed by our April meeting.

Agency Sharing

Jasmine M. Williams reported that Red Ribbon Week was a great success with 11 schools participating and over 5000 students served.

Bridget Huffman, Cooperative Extension reported that Jenetha Matthews is now serving as the SNAP-ED Coordinator for BFG. She is currently working with Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades. Ms. Matthews was the 4H FNEP person and now that position would be posted. Mrs. Huffman also reported that she and Dr. Thigpen are currently working together on the first ever Duplin Grows Ag Academy for our Elementary Students. This academy will be presented to our students by stations that they will work through in a day.

Bonnie Johnson, Dental Hygienist, reported that February is Children's Dental Month and she was currently looking for plenty of "freebies" for the children. The Sealant Program at Kenansville Elem. had been completed with 100 sealants and 29 dental exams.

Sue Ellen Cottle, School Nurse, introduced Kim Ramsey to the committee. Kim is our new school nurse for EDH and NDJr./Sr. and she also announced that Pat Bradshaw, school nurse at Rose Hill Magnolia, will be retiring at the end of this month.

Duplin School employees are receiving free cholesterol and blood sugar testing during this month and in March.

Duplin Schools has one more 6th grade class to attend the POE Center and that will complete all of our field trips to the POE center for this year and we were not able to fund our 4th graders for this trip.

Kindergarten and PreK registration will be March 11th.

Beulaville Elem. will begin a new nutrition program with the 4th grade. This program will be funded by a grant and it will teach 4th graders about nutrition, BMI, weight management, and reading labels.

Vision & Hearing Screening is continuing to be monitored for secured care rate.

Beth Lanier, Social Worker, informed the committee that Duplin Schools would be sponsoring a Math and Science Academy for our McKinney Vento students for grades K- 12 at JSCC. This Academy would be funded through Title One and McKinney Vento Grant. Currently we have around 130 McKinney Vento students.

Tom Fife stated that the Community Benefit Grant letter of intent are due on February 15th and must be submitted electronically. This is a grant through Vidant that has had great success in our community and in our schools.

Next D.A.I.S.Y. meeting will be April 12, 2016