

March 11, 2014

Members present: Edie S. Barfield, Sue Ellen Cottle, Lindsey Reaves, Lisa Jones, Jeff Thigpen, Sue Sloan, Maria Romero, Shelton Graham, Tom Fife, Bridgett Huffman, Karen Pacheco, Lynn Pate, Dr. Ben Thigpen & Dawn Smith

Welcome - Edie Barfield, RN called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved.

CFST Report: - Lindsey Reaves, RN reported on CFST services. A site visit from Tony Troop will be held on Monday, March 17th, 2014 and a regional meeting will be held on March 21, 2014.

Sarah's Refuge Handouts: Dr. Ben Thigpen presented handouts from Sarah's Refuge for approval to be used in the schools. The handouts will be used when a Sarah's Refuge representative provides presentations to the middle schools on domestic violence and abuse. The DAISY committee reviewed the material and agreed that content of the materials was age appropriate and was aligned with middle school curriculum.

America's Tooth Fairy Program/ Smile Drive: Edie Barfield, RN reported that donation boxes and flyers were placed at Walmart in Wallace during the month of February, which is National Dental Health Month. Bonnie Johnson, the public health dental hygienist reported almost no donations to the collection box. Mrs. Johnson has contacted program administrators regarding possible strategies to help improve donations for next year.

Active Decay Rates for 2013-14 School Year: Sue Ellen Cottle, Lead School Nurse shared a report from Bonnie Johnson, public health dental hygienist on the Active Decay Rates 2013-14 for Duplin County Kindergarten students. A report for schools in Duplin County is attached to the minutes. The state decay rate is 9 %. Some of our schools fall at or below the state rate. Wallace Elementary has a 26% decay rate for this school year. This report has been shared with school nurses and our public health dental hygienist will be conducting follow-up visits to monitor secured care in each of the schools. All 1st through 5th grade students continue to participate in the weekly fluoride mouthrinse program as part of our regular school preventative efforts.

July 1, 2014 Interim Final USDA Rule/Section 208 of Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act-Edie Barfield mentioned the Healthy Hunger Free Kids act that was passed in 2010 and stated that on July 1, 2014, another piece of that law will be effective which will impact food offered in school vending machines and a la carte items available in our lunch lines. Sue Sloan, Child Nutrition Director, stated that there is still a lot of discussion concerning this interim final rule and she is not sure if the rule would actually go into effect in July. Questions were asked as to how the proposed rule would affect a la carte items that are offered in our lunchrooms. Ms. Sloan stated that they would no longer be able to offer items that were not deemed healthy. The impact of revenues will depend upon our current a la carte sales and the products that will have to be removed from sales due to the new requirements. If a la carte funds are helping to support Child

Nutrition Operations, alternative sources of revenue will need to be established.

Mrs. Barfield shared that continued concerns are still being expressed by teachers and staff throughout the county who are noting an increase of foods served in the cafeteria being thrown away uneaten by the students. A specific example was that unopened prepackaged peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are being tossed in the trash. The majority of DAISY members present felt that our school system needed to explore ways to comply with USDA rules and standards while still offering healthy appealing food choices among all menu items served in our cafeteria including a la carte items. Dr. Thigpen suggested that we consider visiting other school districts that have already made adjustments or have model school lunch programs in place to evaluate how we might proceed and our committee would support this initiative.

Fresh Healthy Vending: Belinda King, RN shared information about a recent visit to a school in another district who offered both cold and room temperature healthy snack options in machines called Fresh Healthy Vending Machines. She has contacted several vendors who offer healthy snacks in compliance with the July 1, 2014 USDA rule. She has found that each school in our district has their own vending machine supplier, while most school districts contract with a single vending machine supplier for all machines maintained by the district. Mrs. King has agreed to research how other school districts are preparing to transition to healthy options in their vending machines with fellow school nurses Wendy Sholar, RN and Vonda Grady, RN. They have agreed to present additional information to DAISY regarding their findings at the next DAISY meeting in April. .

School Nurse Activities: Sue Ellen Cottle presented a brief report of school nurse activities:

- Telemedicine Grant submitted March 3rd
- Vision Secured care rate for this year is currently at 77 % (Goal 90%)
- Hearing secured care rate is currently at 75% (Goal 90%)
- Student Mighty milers program participants 2,460 students have accumulated 40,000+ miles
- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for March 21st
- Special Olympics to be held @ EDHS on April 25th with a rain date of May 2.

Backpack Project: Karen Pacheco reported that the Partnership for Children will be continuing the backpack project where all K students will be receiving a backpack with school supplies again this year. She will be getting information about this out to individual school contacts soon.

Cooperative Extension 4-H activities: Bridgett Huffman from Cooperative Extension reported that Duplin County will be hosting 300+ students and parents from the southeast region on 3/29 at JSCC. The annual food show and awards will be held on 4/3 and she will be recruiting food show judges for this event. Additionally, 4-H is busily planning its summer programs and informational flyers about these events will be ready for distribution by the first of May.