

Official Minutes
Home/Hospital Program Planning Committee
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 2:00 PM

Present: Chris Smith, Lisa Silverstein, Patrick Cain, Michele Mazzola, Deborah Green, Kelly Nauerth, Laura Tai-Maneiro

1. **Approval of January Minutes:** Approved.

2. **Update on District Plans:** Chris had no new updates from the district regarding our Home/Hospital unit. As we have discussed previously, since there is no way to control the conditions in the homes where we teach, it is difficult to guarantee the safety of either the teachers or the students/families whose homes we must enter. Consequently, the Home/Hospital teachers will remain remote until further notice.

3. **Spring Exams/Regents Update:** Chris stated that he does not yet have a lot of detail regarding the upcoming June Regents exams. No final decisions have been made, although the BOE is hoping that the federal government will waive all Regents exams in June. At this time, only four exams will be administered unless NYS receives a federal testing waiver for the following: Algebra I, ELA Regents, Living Environment, and Earth Science. Chris did mention that if students are required to take any of these 4 exams, he understands they will not be penalized or hurt by the results. NYS is also looking to get a waiver for the 3-8 Math and ELA spring assessments. More information will be forthcoming.

4. **Self-Evaluations Due Dates:** We made a request to Chris to have the H/H Annual Self-Evaluations be extended from May 1st to June 1st, 2021. Chris agreed to the change but requested that teachers consider turning in their evaluation forms as early as May 1st so that he has enough time to review and respond to them all by June 1st, the official date they are due.

5. **New Business:** Kelly asked for clarification regarding the status of our new BEDS code which will include all district programs, such as the Home/Hospital Program, under a single BEDS code. Kelly was wondering if this meant that all programs would be housed

in a single building as well. Chris did not believe this was the case, but explained it was most likely a way to organize program data in a way which would ultimately make it easier to pull-up pertinent information on the students we teach. Since some of our students are dually enrolled in both a home school and H/H, it can be difficult to track and interpret data and other relevant information.

6. **Next Planning Meeting**: April 7th, 2021 - 12:00 PM